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CASTRO SAID TO BE VERY ANGRY

FRENCH GOVERNMENT IGNORING HIS PRESENCE

Dutch Warships Keeping Close Guard on Venezuelan Coast.

Paris, Dec. 12.—President Castro, of Venezuela, who arrived in this city yesterday evening from Bordeaux, had made no official advances to the French government up to noon today. He is reported as furiously angry at the manner in which the government is receiving him in France.

Since his arrival in Paris he has remained shut up in his apartments in the hotel as closely as though he were a prisoner, and with the exception of a few members of the Venezuelan colony, has seen nobody.

The officials of the foreign office have received formal orders to give no explanation of the government's attitude toward the president of Venezuela. "We ignore his presence," an official said this morning.

The conditions upon which the government is willing to open negotiations have been communicated to him. What these conditions are, beyond prohibiting President Castro from making any political declaration, is not known, but it is believed they involve a formal apology. A reporter called to see the president this morning. The only member of Castro's entourage said that nothing had been decided but the party possibly would leave for Germany tomorrow. A black maid, in the service of Madame Castro, was sitting in a hall outside her mistress's door trying to get her foot to fit into a newly purchased pointed French shoe.

Dutch to Seize Gunboats.
The Hague, Dec. 12.—It was stated in official quarters today that the seizure on the high seas of Venezuelan merchant ships, or the stopping of other vessels trading between Venezuelan ports, is not contemplated in the present instructions to the Dutch warships now on duty in Venezuelan waters.

Action to be taken only against vessels connected with the Venezuelan navy and the marine police service.

Generals Assembling.
Cape Haytien, Dec. 12.—The Haytien gunboat Vertieres arrived unexpectedly at Port de Paix last night. No reason has been assigned for her presence. Several Haytien generals have recently come into Port de Paix from the country. Otherwise the situation on the northern coast is quiet.

'VARSITIES PLAY TO DRAW AT RUGBY

London, Dec. 12.—The annual Rugby football match between teams representing Oxford and Cambridge universities was played at Queen's club today and resulted in a tie. Each side scored one goal.

FIND NO OBSTACLE TO CHURCH UNION

Toronto Conference Will Now Submit Scheme to Supreme Court of Churches.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 12.—"There is no obstacle in the way of church union." This was the decision reached last night by a committee representing the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada, which has been in annual session here since Tuesday.

The finding of the committee will now be submitted to the supreme court of the churches concerned, and from them to the individual congregations, who will be asked to vote upon it. The hope is expressed that by the close of 1910, or the beginning of 1911, this process will be completed and an organic union of the three churches will be an accomplished fact.

The committee has replied in the following terms to the question of the "historic episcopate," as embodied in a communication from the Anglican church:

"This committee regrets that it is unable to accede to this condition, but if the Church of England in Canada shows that it is willing to interpret historic episcopate in a liberal spirit, and to meet a joint committee on a free and equal basis to explain its interpretation, the conference on church union will be glad to meet with the proper representatives."

60 YEARS IN BUSINESS.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 12.—James Williamson, founder and president of the James Williamson warehousing company, is dead. He had been in the business in Montreal for the past sixty years. He was born in 1824.

MORPHINE VICTIM.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 12.—Seth H. Berry, a well-known court stenographer of St. John, died here last night from the effects of morphine poisoning.

BARQUE STORK ON OVERDUE LIST

London, Dec. 12.—The Hudson Bay Company's barque Stork is overdue and 20 guineas pay cont. has been paid at Lloyd's. The cargo is valued at nearly £200,000. The Stork operates in Hudson Bay.

TARIFF REFORM WILL BE ISSUE

BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS MATTER

Premier Asquith Says No Dis- solution at Present— Budget Problem.

London, Dec. 12.—The government's determination that there shall be no immediate dissolution of parliament, but that the ministers will meet parliament at its next session with an important programme, of which the budget will be the leading feature, was announced by Premier Asquith at a banquet given him by the National Liberal Club last night by 200 members of his party as a mark of their appreciation and confidence. The occasion had been anticipated with great interest as affording Mr. Asquith an opportunity to explain his position in the face of the rejection by the House of Lords of Liberal bills.

In a speech justifying the legislative work which the Liberals already had accomplished, Mr. Asquith invited the party to treat the veto of the House of Lords as the dominating issue in politics, but he declined to dissolve parliament, he declared, at the dictation and caprice of the upper chamber. To admit such a claim on the part of an irresponsible chamber, the Premier said, would be immeasurably absurd; as it would render the Liberal government subject, session after session, to a series of general elections.

The government would, therefore, choose its own time for dissolution. With regard to the next session of parliament, Mr. Asquith said he was unable at this stage to specify the details of the programme that would be forwarded, but he declared that it would not be a colorless list of non-contentious measures. The chief work would be concerned with the budget and the "weighty domestic issues therein involved, and on it the government would stand or fall, or at any rate, he judged, it would raise again, in its most acute form, the Premier concluded, the great controversy of Free Trade versus Protection.

YUKON'S MOTHER LODE.

When Discovered the World Will Be Startled by Its Imensity.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Pringle, of Yukon notoriety, addressing the Canadian club last night, declared that some day the mother lode of the Klondike would be discovered and the world would be startled by its imensity.

KANSAS FANATICS.

James Sharpe and Associates Charged With Murder in First Degree.

Kansas, Mo., Dec. 12.—James Sharpe, who has been captured, and three of his followers, including his wife, will be given a formal hearing this afternoon before Justice Romley charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of policeman T. O. Dalbow in a revolver fight last Tuesday. Late yesterday when they were arraigned before Justice Romley each entered a plea of not guilty.

NO POLITICS IN CIVIC AFFAIRS.

Brookville, Ont., Dec. 12.—Brookville ratepayers have decided to continue the principle of non-political administration of town affairs, which has been in vogue for the last five years with good results.

RETURNING TO CANADA.

London, Dec. 12.—Hon. R. Lemieux is a passenger on the America not on the Campana as he had intended. President Hays of the G. T. P., has sailed on the Baltic.

A party of Scotch farm laborers and domestic servants sailed for Canada yesterday on the Empress of Britain.

OVERSEAS MAIL CONTRACT.

London, Dec. 12.—The House of Commons has approved the contract with the C.P.R. for the conveyance of the mails between Liverpool and Hong-kong.

FINED FOR INFRACTION OF MANITOBA GRAIN ACT

(Special to the Times).
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 12.—For the infraction of the Manitoba Grain Act in not giving cars to farmers in the order on which the entries appeared on the order book at Stavelly, Alberta, the Canadian Pacific railway was yesterday fined \$500, and Joseph Haseman, the man who received the cars out of his turn, was fined \$25 and costs.

HEROISM ON SINKING CRUISER

ENGINEER'S EFFORT TO CLOSE AIR PORT

Devotion to Duty of Two Men Aboard U. S. S. Yankee While Vessel Founders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Warm praise for heroic work on the part of Engineer Witherspoon and a French-Canadian named Micnot, aboard the cruiser Yankee, while an effort was being made to tow the vessel to New Bedford after she had been cleared off Spindle rock, is given in a report to the navy department by Capt. Charles C. Marsh, of the vessel.

The nights of December 4th and 5th, while the vessel was under tow, Capt. Marsh says, were much the worst since her grounding, the wind blowing with such force that had the ship been still on the rocks, she would very likely have been fatally damaged.

The report says: "Hours were consumed in trying to tow the ship. Her draught, 11 feet and 23 feet, and the heavy list to starboard, made steering impossible, so that she took rank sheers, parting the hawsers, etc. By 8 a.m. the chief danger was the loss of air pressure.

"Some time in the early morning word came up that the air compressor had stopped. Also the new came of the open air port. This latter information was given to Engineer Witherspoon. He went below and then sent for a diver. The behavior of these two men cannot go by unnoticed. The open air port was in the stateroom on the berth deck on starboard side next to the air compressors. Mr. Witherspoon went into this stateroom and shut the door. He then tried to close the air port, got one dog partly in place and then hung up his lantern so as to use both hands. The light was blown out and he was left in total darkness. The pressure against the port was too great for him, and he found himself in water up to his neck in this closed state room. Fortunately the pressure eventually carried away the door and he was thrown into the berth deck.

"In the meantime a French-Canadian diver, named Micnot, put on his diving suit and in the darkness went down in a sinking ship to lend a hand at closing that air port. The diving pump was tended by Mr. Witherspoon and one of the company. For devotion to their work and for courage I know nothing better than these actions."

DARING DIAMOND ROBBERY IN MONTREAL

Jeweler's Window Smashed— Thief Drops \$700 Earnings in Escaping.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—A daring diamond robbery was committed last evening on Notre Dame street, almost opposite the city hall and the central police station, when a man smashed the plate glass window in the jewelry store of O. Turcotte and ran off with over \$2,000 worth of diamonds. A passerby on the other side of the street noticed the act and shouted for the police, and was rewarded by having a bullet whistle past his ears.

In escaping the thief dropped a pair of earrings valued at \$700, the most valuable article in the window.

RUET VERDICT POSTPONED.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12.—The pronouncing of sentence upon Abraham Ruet, convicted of bribery, was postponed by Judge Lawler, in the superior court today, until next Saturday, Dec. 19th.

GERMAN STEAMER ASHORE.

Harburg Wrecked on Long Island Coast.

New York, Dec. 12.—While nosing her way along the Long Island shore through a dense fog early today, the little German freight steamer Harburg ran aground half a mile from the Hefort lifesaving station. She is in no danger and the wreckers expect to float her with little difficulty. The Harburg has a crew of about 21 men and carries no passengers.

TREASURER ACQUITTED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—C. P. Waterford, a prominent local man, has been acquitted on a charge of stealing from the Sanitary Laundry Company, of which he was treasurer.

"BLACK HAND" LETTERS.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Wm. Gillespie pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday to writing "Black Hand" letters, and was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

MERCHANTS BANK PROFIT.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The annual statement of the Merchants Bank of Canada shows net profit for the year to November 30th of \$738,507.18.

YET ANOTHER ESTIMATE.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The police census shows that Toronto has a population of 242,000.



"INSTRUCTED" DELEGATES.
THE BOSS:—Now, boys, as even a greater statesman than I once said, "It's not so important what you say, as that you all say the same thing."

GLOOMY VIEW OF PANAMA CANAL

"UNDERTAKING CERTAIN TO END IN DISASTER"

French Engineer is Convinced That Gatun Dam Will Be Destroyed.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Philippe Bonau Varilla, former Panamas minister to the United States, and once an engineer engaged in the construction of the Panama canal, takes the gloomiest view concerning the prospects of the canal.

He says the cost will be \$280,000,000 double the estimate made by the United States.

He says: "I am certain that the plan that is now being carried out will result almost surely in the greatest disaster in the history of public undertakings. The existence of the canal depends upon the Gatun dam. I and all the French engineers who studied the question, are absolutely convinced that the nature of the grounds make certain the destruction of the dam that is being erected. The only remedy is to remove the Gatun dam 15 kilometres to Miraflores."

SMOKED AND DRANK JUST LIKE A MAN

Death Discloses Fact That "Sammy" Jones Was a Woman.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 12.—The sudden death yesterday at Manhattan of "Sammy" Jones, aged 30, disclosed the fact that instead of being a man as every one in the vicinity of Manhattan for the past 15 years had believed him to be, Jones was a woman. This discovery resulted when Undertaker Safety, of Roseman, took charge of the body. She chewed tobacco and drank, and associated freely with men.

NO COUNTRY IMPRESSED HIM LIKE CANADA

London, Dec. 12.—Speaking at the Imperial Colonial Club last night, Sir H. Todd, agent for Queensland, said Canada was one of the best places to live in and no country had impressed him more. In Canada, as in Australia, the dominant note was loyalty.

TUG BOAT CREWS ON STRIKE.

Men of 23 Craft Go Out Because Some of Members Are Discharged.

New York, Dec. 12.—Because of the New York Central railroad's marine superintendent refusal to re-engage a tug boat crew he had discharged when they refused to work a half hour overtime last night without pay, the 23 tugs of the company did not move today. The crews of all these craft, which handle the company's floats on East and North rivers and on the harbor refused to begin work this morning, and added a further demand that they be paid twice a month instead of monthly as heretofore. Two hundred men took part in the strike.

The men held a meeting shortly after going out on strike and decided to return to work, pending a conference between their various commanders and Assistant General Manager Geo. Linn, of the New York Central.

GERMANY LAUNCHES A DREADNOUGHT

Kiel, Dec. 12.—A German battleship of about 18,000 tons was successfully launched here today. Princess Radolin, wife of the German ambassador at Paris, christened the vessel "Posen."

"FOOT AND MOUTH" DISEASE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—Lord Strathcona has communicated to Ottawa information that the imperial authorities are well satisfied with the measures which have been taken to prevent the spread of the foot and mouth disease in the Dominion from the United States.

WANT NATIONAL LOAN OF HALF A BILLION

Enthusiasm in Scheme for Improving U. S. Waterways—
Speaker Cannon's Scheme.

Washington, Dec. 12.—With an enthusiasm seldom witnessed, the National Harbors and Rivers Congress, at its concluding session here yesterday, by an unanimous vote, placed itself on record in favor of the issuance of government bonds for the improvement of the great waterways projects of the country. By this resolution, the congress declared for an authorization by congress at its present session of \$500,000,000 worth of bonds, the proceeds to be used in the payment exclusively of such river and harbor work as may be authorized by congress, provision for the issue to be similar to the Panama canal bonds.

Later in the day a committee presented to Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon the bond resolution. Mr. Fairbanks expressed a favorable opinion on the proposition, but Mr. Cannon merely assured the committee that the resolutions would be referred to the proper committee for consideration.

A resolution was adopted requesting the American congress to invite the permanent international association of navigation to hold its 12th annual congress in this country in 1911.

Speaker Cannon made known his unalterable opposition to the proposition of financing national waterway improvements by the issuance of government bonds in a characteristic address to the delegates attending the rivers and harbors congress. He declared that "if perchance it were possible—and I do not believe it is—that the rivers and harbors committee should report a bill to congress providing that there should be an issue for the next ten years to meet the proposed improvements in the amount of one billion, I could not vote for it."

Mr. Cannon's attitude is at variance with that of Vice-President Fairbanks, Andrew Carnegie and others, expressed before the rivers and harbors congress. The speaker, however, declared that he would vote for appropriations reported by the rivers and harbors committee under the leadership of Representative Burton, who he said had done more service along waterways improvement than any other man in congress.

WOODSTOCK FORGERY CASE.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 12.—David Malcolm, a young farmer from East Zorra, has been committed for trial on a charge of having forged his father's name to joint notes for over \$5,000. Bail was fixed at \$4,000.

LOCAL UNION WINS APPEAL

FULL COURT DECISION IN GRAHAM VS. KNOTT

Workmen May Prescribe Conditions for Admission to Their Associations.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—The Bricklayers and Masons' Union of Victoria won a victory in the judgment of the full court late today in the suit of Graham vs. Knott, the latter being the secretary of the union. In effect the decision relieves any trades union of liability to an applicant who refuses to submit to a test for admission into the union and fails to secure employment as a result of his refusal to comply with the union's conditions. They can threaten to strike if he is employed, and so force him out of work, as they did in this case, and still not be liable.

Graham was a stonemason just out from England. On arrival at Victoria he applied for admission to the Bricklayers and Masons' Union, but refused to submit to their unfamiliar test. Later he secured employment, but his employer soon received a notice from the union threatening a strike if he were not dismissed. This was repeated wherever he secured work. Graham sued the union, and Judge Lammman held that there was actionable wrong and that he was entitled to remedy. Chief Justice Hunter and Justices Morrison and Clement unanimously allow the union's appeal, holding that there is no actionable wrong, the union showing no malicious intentions, but merely protecting itself.

"It may seem to some that the union acted harshly," says the Chief Justice, "in first presenting an apparently unfair test for admission and then, because plaintiff was unwilling to submit to it, that they should put him on their foul list and present an alternative to their common employer, which left him no choice but to put an end to the plaintiff's employment."

"But I may say here that there are many harsh acts for which there is no remedy known to the law."

After instancing several cases, such as dismissal after the employee has given the best years of his life to the service of the employer, or a husband who in his will leaves his wife unremunerated, the Chief Justice continues: "It was not malicious, and cannot be disputed, that a body of workmen may, for the protection of their lawful trade and promotion of their interests, associate themselves together and prescribe conditions for the admission or rejection of others to their association. If any condition appears to work harshly by resulting in the rejection of any applicant there is no remedy by which that body can be forced to associate themselves with the applicant. And it would, indeed, be futile to attempt any such thing, as that would be in conflict with the undoubted right of all persons to choose their own associations."

The union's appeal from the decision of Judge Lammman was allowed with costs.

HOW CANADA'S MINING PROBLEMS ARE HANDLED

London, Dec. 12.—James Barron, a recent guest of the Canadian Mining Institute, yesterday told the Mining Institute of Scotland of the practical and mastery way in which mining and mechanical problems were faced, and the immense possibilities of the mineral resources of Canada.

MANY FIRES IN CANADA.

British Insurance Companies Consider Their Business Here Has Been Unfavorable.

London, Dec. 12.—It is understood here that the experience during 1908 of British fire insurance companies who do business in Canada is more than usually unfavorable, as the losses are very considerably in excess of the corresponding period of 1907. A sequence of good years had been looked for to make amends for the disastrous experiences of 1906.

POST OFFICE BUSINESS GROWS

MONEY ORDER RETURNS EXCEL PAST YEARS

This Week There Has Been a Large Increase—Record Made Wednesday.

The post office in this city by its record gives an indication of the growth in population and the increase in money put in circulation. The Christmas season always calls for increased demands upon the staff owing to the immense amount of mail sent out and received and the increase in money order business.

Inquiry at the local office shows that for the present week the increase in business as compared with the same dates a year ago is very marked. On Monday the money orders issued amounted to about \$7,000, or about \$2,000 above the same date last year. Tuesday saw a slight increase and Wednesday the receipts went above \$8,000. The increase has been kept up during the week and speaks well for the improvement in business in Victoria.

While these sums were received, there was also a large amount paid out in cashing orders, so that the figures do not in any way represent the whole business done. The postmaster, Noah Shakespeare, in speaking of the business done, gives due praise to the staff. On Wednesday when a record was made in the amount of business done the accounts at night stood exactly correct, not a cent's deviation existing. When it is taken into account that the business done is mostly in small sums with change being made in postage stamps quite frequently to make the small amounts, it is creditable to the staff that there should be no mistake of any kind.

In the sale of postage stamps and other revenues of the office there has been a decided increase also. In parcels twice as many are reported to be going forward as in previous years.

To the post office employees Christmas brings in a marked way an increase in work in their effort to keep up with the demands which are put upon them in carrying out arrangements which serve to make many happy at Christmas time.

C. P. R. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 12.—A department of industries will be shortly established by the C. P. R. in charge of F. W. Peters, to encourage the establishment of industries in the chief centres of the system.

POLICE DISCOVER FORTNIGHT OLD MURDER

Ghastly Crime in New York Flat—Young Woman Done to Death.

New York, Dec. 12.—With only the bloody finger prints of the murderer to assist them the police today are scouring the city for some trace of the man who committed, what now appears to be one of the most baffling crimes in the city's criminal history. His victim, who was a young woman, whose body was found in a padlocked and barricaded apartment at 337 East 11th street, last night, has not yet been identified, and a most thorough search of the rooms has revealed nothing that will aid the police in their task. Every distinguishing mark had been removed from the woman's clothing, and pictures had been cut from their frames and burned, together with several pieces of paper which may have borne addresses. On every hand there was to be found evidence of the crafty care used by the murderer to hinder pursuit. The discovery of the crime came about through the anxiety of the janitress of the flat house to collect rent for the apartment which was nearly two weeks overdue. Last night the janitress decided to enter the apartment to make sure the tenants had not removed their trunks without her knowledge, and the police were called to assist her in opening the padlocked door. When an entrance was forced, the woman's body with the head almost severed was lying on the blood-soaked bed. The condition of the body indicated that she had been dead about two weeks.

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JAM, Raspberry, 1-lb. glass jar..... 10c	ESSENCES, all flavors, 2-oz. bottle, 25c; 5-oz. bottle..... 50c
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BACON, Breakfast, Morell's, per lb. 20c	GELATINE, Cox's, per pkt. 10c
RICE, Best Japan, 4 lbs. for 25c; 9 lbs. for..... 50c	PURE LARD, 5-lb. tin..... 50c
FLUID BEEF, Johnson's, 16-oz. bottle..... 50c	INDEPENDENT CREAMERY, 3c. per lb. or 3 lbs. for..... \$1.00
RAISINS, Seeded, Victoria Cross, 16-oz. pkt. 25c	CORN STARCH, Scotch, 3 pkts. for..... 50c
SULTANA RAISINS, per lb. 10c	SUNLIGHT SOAP, 2 bars for \$1.25
MIXED PEEL, English, per lb. 15c	PEARLINE, 2 pkts. 25c
SHIELDED WALNUTS, per lb. 40c	SADOLIN, per tin..... 10c
SHIELDED ALMONDS, per lb. 40c	SOUPS, Davie's, per tin..... 10c
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PHONE 94. COR. FORT AND BROAD STS.

A day or two ago twenty mongolian pheasants were imported to this city from England to be divided among Challoner & Mitchell, A. C. Plummerfelt and T. W. Patterson. The birds did not arrive in very good condition and five or six have died, but the others will probably survive. The idea of the importers is to raise a number of birds in captivity and then to turn out the young ones. These birds are larger than the common ring-necked pheasant and the colors are brighter.

The poundkeeper is advertising a sale of stray dogs at noon on Wednesday next. These include four English setters, two of them puppies, one pug, one sable collie, one fox terrier and "others not classified," which will probably go cheap.

Miss Woodhill and Miss Patti Woodhill are passengers by the Puebla for San Francisco this evening, with Miss Eckardt, and will spend the next few months in California.

On a Silver Platter

6-ROOMED STORY AND A HALF MOUSE.

About 6 months old, on Mine street, not far from car line; cement foundation and basement 7 feet high; piped for furnace all through; 3 rooms down stairs, in mission finish; burly and plate racks; 3 large bedrooms and good bath upstairs; lot 52x8 ft. x 150, and plenty of room left for stable. Unquestionably the best buy in Victoria house property, and worth \$3,500.

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HIGH GALE RAGED ON WEST COAST

Hurricane Recalls Loss of H. M. S. Condor Just Seven Years Ago.

Early this morning one of the fiercest storms that has been known here for some time was raging on the coast of Vancouver Island and adjacent waters. At times the wind at Cape Flattery blew at the rate of eighty miles an hour, a regular hurricane. By morning the force of the wind had somewhat abated and when the wireless report was received at 8 o'clock it had subsided to a little over fifty miles an hour.

Now and then during the day fierce gusts with frequent rains made moving about out of doors very unpleasant. There is little shipping on the coast just now, so that there is not much fear of any disasters being reported. The wire to Carmanah is down so that no messages have been received from that point, but the Dominion wireless says that all is well at the points reached by them.

The gale, which has been blowing recalls the fact that it was just seven years ago that the sloop-of-war Condor went down. On December 3rd she sailed away from Esquimalt bound for Honolulu and the north coast, which was returning to England. On the tenth of the month there was a severe gale, but whether or not that was the one which wrecked the war vessel will never be known. Later, one of the ship's boats drifted ashore and a life belt also was thrown up on the beach, but that was all that ever came back to tell the tale. The lifebelt may be seen to-day hanging over the brass tablet in the little Anglican church at Esquimalt.

ASSAULTED EMPLOYER.

Livery Stable Driver Fined in Police Court for Striking Proprietor.

George Varty pleading guilty in police court this morning to having assaulted W. B. Lees last evening at the latter's livery stable on Fort street. In mitigation he claimed that when he asked for leave of absence for the afternoon Mr. Lees treated him in a sneering manner and that as a result of further words between them in the evening he had struck his employer.

J. A. Alkmeida submitted that the young man had been punished sufficiently by being in the cells for three or four hours last evening.

Mr. Lees' story was somewhat different from Varty's. He asserted that Varty, and also the other drivers, were getting into the habit of thinking they could do as they pleased, but they must recognize that he was master. The magistrate considered that there was no provocation to justify the assault and imposed a fine of \$5.

EX-POLICE CHIEF IN JAIL.

Brockville, Dec. 12.—Geo. Brown, aged 65, for many years police chief at Athens, is in jail here on a charge of criminal assault on Miss Emma Scott, aged 25.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—At yesterday's cabinet council it was decided that parliament shall open on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

DEATH FROM PARALYSIS.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Methodist, died yesterday as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

MALE VOICE CONCERT.

Local Choir Will Give Programme on Monday Night.

On Monday evening the male voice choir will give a concert in Institute hall for which splendid preparations have been made.

Among the numbers on the programme is "On the Kampars," by A. Santia. It is a gay and careless soldier's song and marching to their tent. There is a short tenor recitative, "Though All is Silent Here Around Us," the chorus coming in very softly with "All Dark and Silent as the Grave." The volume of sound gradually increases as the chorus continues. "We Will Wake Those Sleeping Echoes," the last line calling forth a full burst of melody.

The piece abounds in charming variety, and part of the music is rendered by the chorus singing with closed lips. This produces a pleasant murmuring sound, like the hum of bees on a summer day.

The concert begins at 8:15.

BAND CONCERT.

Choice Programme Will Be Rendered To-Morrow in Victoria Theatre.

The Victoria concert band, under the leadership of Prof. Rogers, which made its debut to a Victoria audience at the Victoria theatre on Sunday afternoon last, when a very enjoyable concert was given, will give the next of the series of concerts in the theatre to-morrow, when a special programme will be presented. In addition to the band, the organization will be assisted by several of Victoria's favorite vocalists.

It is the intention of the band to continue these concerts throughout the winter months at regular intervals, and it is expected that the concerts will soon become very popular.

The police have not yet got any trace of Eli Hele, the Roumanian who was stabbed last Saturday, and for an assault upon whom Martin Hopcon is awaiting trial. Whether the man, who disappeared after leaving the hospital, is still in the city or has gone up the E. & N. line, there is little doubt in the minds of the police that he is being induced to keep out of the way by some of his and Hopcon's friends so as to avoid giving evidence.

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ARMED FANATIC TERRORIZES CITIZENS

Seized by Religious Frenzy, He Attempts to "Shoot Up" Town.

Edgewater, N. J., Dec. 12.—Proclaiming himself "John the Baptist" come to save the world, an armed fanatic, tonight up to a high pitch of maniacal fury, terrorized this village for a full hour late yesterday, appearing on the main street, waving a big revolver, holding up the proprietors of several stores, exchanging many shots with a hastily formed posse and at last being wounded himself when the police and a mob of citizens ran him down.

In all the fusillade no one was hurt but the fanatic himself, and his wounds are not regarded as dangerous, and although the reign of terror the invader instituted was apparently based upon a religious impulse, his raid possessed well nigh all the features of a wild western exploit. In the midst of the excitement, the madman commandeered a horse and wagon and struck a reckless gallop out of town. It was from behind the improvised bulwark which he made of this vehicle when he alighted from it near the Palladium, that he finally, picked by the shots of the pursuing posse.

After he had been taken into custody, the man, gray-whiskered and apparently about 55 years of age, said he was Arthur S. Pomeroy, that his home was in Nebraska, but that he had been an inmate of a private sanatorium in Stamford, Conn. When it was found that his wounds were slight, he was ordered to be taken to the asylum at Morey's Plains, where he will be detained pending other proceedings.

ROBERT CROFT PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Well Known Resident of Victoria Died at His Residence.

At the family residence, 1905 Blanchard street, this morning, the death occurred of Robert Croft. The deceased has been a resident of this city for many years, and made a large circle of friends.

For sixteen years he was connected with the Bank of British Columbia, now amalgamated with the Bank of Commerce. Later he engaged in business on his own account. For some years past Mr. Croft has been in failing health. He is survived by his widow and a family of one son and four daughters. His only brother, H. A. Croft, resides at Kendal, England.

FELL INTO TRENCH

Team of Horses Were in Serious Predicament This Morning.

A team of horses belonging to the Canada Transfer Co. fell into a water main excavation near the corner of Douglas street and Pandora avenue shortly before ten o'clock this morning, and one of them sustained a bad cut on one of the legs.

The team was attached to a wagon which was delivering meat to the Douglas Meat Market, and were standing in front of the store. In some way the outside animal got into the trench and pulled the other one down. As the excavation is fortunately not a deep one and no bones were broken, little difficulty was experienced in getting the horses out.

When the injured one tore itself on the jagged rocks in the side of the cutting it emitted a cry which was heard for a long way up and down the street and quite a crowd was attracted. The teamster, leading the horses away to the stables, although blood was flowing freely from the wound, when Captain A. J. Dallan, president of the S. P. U. A., happened to come along and he insisted that an injured horse should be attended to there and there. He telephoned to Dr. Robert Hamilton, who came over and put in several stitches.

Several thoughtful members of the crowd seemed to think that the president of the S. P. U. A. was "butting in" when he refused to let the horse be led away without having attention. The teamster could not afford to get a doctor, so it is evident that if Captain Dallan had not taken the steps he did, which were such as common humanity would prompt, the wound would have got too rough and ready treatment. The society will have to bear the expense of the doctor's services in all probability.

RUNNING FROM TORONTO TO NEW YORK

Canadian Athlete Making Attempt to Lower His Own Record.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12.—G. McLaughy, the Canadian distance runner who is trying to lower his last summer's run between Toronto and New York, arrived here at 7:10 o'clock this morning. He rested until 3 o'clock this afternoon. McLaughy made the run from Toronto to Buffalo in 49 hours and 10 minutes, as against three days last summer. The Canadian is making a straight run to New York. He expects to reach his destination in seven days. He made the run last year in 11 days and 20 hours, resting on Sundays.

WORKINGS OF PAROLE SYSTEM.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—Up to the present time, eleven hundred criminals have earned their liberty under the operation of the parole system. Of these seven hundred are still reporting to the Dominion Parole Office Archibald.

REPAIRING OF STREETS GIVES COUNCIL TROUBLE

Proposed to Pay for Work Out of Water Revenues.

There will not be a very lengthy meeting of the city council on Monday evening, so far as present indications go. The only motions of which notice has been given deal with the signing of contracts for meters, lead pipe, galvanneal fittings and brass goods, all for the waterworks department, and the signing of an agreement with the B. Wilson Company.

The latter deals with the laying of a salt-water main for the convenience of the cold storage plant which the company has under construction on the block between Herald and Chatham streets. The Victoria-Phoenix brewery also wish to avail themselves of this main. By the agreement which the aldermen sanctioned last evening, the company is given permission to lay a main on Storey street and Chatham street, continuing across Government street to the brewery, on undertaking to put the street back into the same condition as they found it.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee will recommend that the waterworks department be compelled to put the roadways where mains have been laid, into repair. Some of them will require the expenditure of a lot of money to make them as good as they were, owing to the earth not having been properly tramped down in the filling of the trenches. The matter is really one of book-keeping and means that the work would be done out of the waterworks loan instead of from ordinary revenue. As a matter of fact there is very little money left for road work out of the year's appropriations.

Some by-laws will be considered and one will be introduced for submission to the ratepayers in January, providing for raising \$50,000 by way of loan, for sewer purposes.

In the high wind which prevailed for a time this morning one of the outer swing doors of the Bank of Montreal was blown too violently and the glass smashed. It is a very thick plate glass with which the doors are glazed, and it took a heavy blow to shatter it.

Laughing gas, or nitrous oxide, is used as an anesthetic in dentistry and minor surgical operations. It produces temporary insensibility, during which some patients laugh or cry hysterically.

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Dated at Victoria the 11th day of December, 1908.

THOMAS J. W. HICK, Returning Officer.

DIED.

CROFT—In this city, on the 11th inst., after a long and painful illness, Robert Croft, a native of Kirby Lonsdale, Westmoreland, England, aged 59 years.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, 1905 Blanchard Ave., on Tuesday afternoon, the 13th inst., at 2 o'clock.

Friends are kindly invited. (Kirby Lonsdale and Kendal papers please copy.)

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ALDERMEN WORRY OVER MATTER OF FRACTIONS
 Striking a Tax Rate to Raise Five Hundred Dollars.

The city council held a short special meeting last night, the object of which was to advance some by-laws further a stage so as to permit of their final passage through council at next Monday's meeting. One of these, dealing with the regulation of sub-divisions and street lines, was not ready, and in the long run the council was little more ahead.

For some time the aldermen wrestled with fractions, which a bit of school boy doggerel used to say set one mad. In connection with the repaving of Government Street and the assumption by the city of the ratepayers' share of repayment for four years, a supplementary by-law has been made necessary by the fact that the actual cost has been about \$2,000 more than the estimated cost, which has already been dealt with in a by-law. The ratepayers have to pay, roughly, \$1,000 of this, of which sum the city relieves them, to the extent of \$85.

After having figured out on Monday the individual sums on each lot the council last night approached the subject of raising the 1943, and this is where their troubles began. The omission of one eighth in the official draft of the by-law made it appear that a rate of twenty-four one-hundredths of a mill would have to be levied next year. A little calculation revealed that this would produce \$5,000. Eventually it was discovered that the rate should be twenty-four one-thousandths of a mill, and when everyone had become convinced of this the by-law was put through committee and the civic arithmeticians felt happy.

A letter was read from E. G. Prior & Co., who were awarded the contract for the water works department at Monday night's meeting, protesting against their tender for brass goods and galvanized iron fittings being split up. "We do not think the council is justified in cutting this tender up, and we must protest against this being done," the firm says in asking for a reconsideration of the matter.

Another letter was read from the Robertson, Godson Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, through A. Sheret, their agent here. This firm got the contract for the galvanized iron fittings. Having learned that the Prior company intended to protest they pointed out that if the tenders for the two classes of goods were to be considered together their joint tender was \$4.18 lower than the Prior tender, and therefore the whole contract should go to them. They made no protest themselves, however, at the splitting of it up.

Ald. Henderson explained that the purchasing agent and controller had recommended the lowest tender for each class of goods, and on motion of Ald. Gleason it was decided to inform Messrs. Prior & Co. that the council could not see its way to alter the recommendation of its officials.

The council then went into committee on streets, bridges and sewers, and the press had to withdraw.

NEW MILL MACHINERY IS PUT IN MOTION
 Equipment of J. A. Sayward's Works is Now in Use.

Yesterday afternoon the new machinery installed in the big lumber mill of J. A. Sayward in this city was put in motion. The equipment which was described in these columns some weeks ago, is up to date in every particular. The most modern machinery in fact, has been installed and when all is in place the equipment will be second to none.

Every care has been taken to economize time and labor and when completed the mill will be a model in lines of convenience.

The drying kiln of concrete is being built and Mr. Sayward in the course of a few weeks will have the new equipment all in order.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.
 Case Involving Claims Dating Back Years is Concluded.

A case was set down for hearing in the county court, yesterday afternoon, but before the hour arrived a settlement out of court was effected. The case was that of the Victoria Machinery Depot, Limited, against John Quatro, master of the steamer Delta. The matters in dispute go back for some years, a claim of \$135.04 being made for work done and material supplied and the defendant counter-claiming that he had left some machinery to be sold, for which he had not had any accounting. An amicable settlement has been made of all the matters in question. Sydney Child was engaged in the case on behalf of plaintiffs, and R. C. Lowe, of Moresby & O'Reilly, for defendant.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.
 Royal School of Artillery Instruction Will Cease for Christmas Holidays.

The latest orders issued by Colonel Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., deals with the suspension of parades for the Royal School of Artillery for the Christmas holidays. The orders are as follows:

The parades for the Royal School of Artillery, now in progress, will cease after Wednesday next for the Christmas holidays, and will commence again at the beginning of January, being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in each week, beginning on Tuesday, January 5th, 1943, at 8 p.m.

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BELMONT AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PLANS
 Council and Property Owners Will Confer Once More on Proposals.

The matter of the improvement of Belmont Avenue is proving a difficult problem for the owners along that thoroughfare and for the city council. There have been a number of propositions made and several conferences have been held between the council and the owners.

Another joint meeting is to be called and the latest proposition submitted for the consideration of the owners. This was decided on as a result of a further discussion of the matter by the streets, bridges and sewers committee last evening.

The original proposal was for the ordinary street improvements, including boulevards, but some of the owners thought it would be a good thing at the same time to straighten the street between Gladstone and Milne streets. Some difficulty was found in the way of this, as it would be necessary to purchase strips of land from owners, while other strips would be thrown back out of use and, unless adjoining owners chose to purchase them, would become in time unsightly spots. Besides this, the consent of the owners is required, and the heirs of two of the first owners are widely scattered.

Some of the owners are for going ahead with the improvements without straightening the street, while others suggest that the street be opened out in a straight line and a roadway along the new portion as well as the present roadway be improved; and that the portion of land which would be left between the two roadways, be laid out as an ornamental plot, much in the same way as it is proposed by the parks board to treat upper Pandora Avenue. The committee considered this proposal last night. It would cost \$4,000 or \$5,000 more than the improvement of the present roadway and before deciding on any plan the council desires to have the consent of all the owners to whatever scheme suits them best. A conference will be held some time next week.

PURCHASE PROPERTIES AT PORTLAND CANAL

C. H. Dickie and His Associates Have Acquired More Claims.

Portland Canal as a mining camp is still in the public eye. Perhaps no one is better acquainted with the resources of the district than C. H. Dickie, of Dunbar, one of the first to enter it and one who has steadily followed its development. He has shown his faith in the district recently by investing in other properties there. Yesterday the Portland Canal Mining Development company, of which Mr. Dickie is president, made the final payment of the \$25,000 bond on the Little Joe and the Lucky Seven mines. The properties were taken about eighteen months ago. The original owners included Fremont King, J. McGrath, and the estate of J. Griffin.

The properties are silver-lead producers and are located just back of Stewart. The acquisition of these by Mr. Dickie's company will be followed by the installation of machinery including a concentrator plant and an aerial tramway. Glacier Creek will furnish the power.

The ore body runs about 315 or 316 to the ton although there are parts which have already been exploited that run much higher, some even yielding \$400 to the ton.

PROFITS OF ROSSLAND MINES INCREASING

L. A. Campbell Says Camp Has Entered New Lease of Life.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Rossland has entered a new stage of its existence. The camp is now down to a solid productive basis and the days of wildcatting and stock promoters have vanished forever, according to Lorne A. Campbell, general manager of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, who is in Vancouver.

"All the mines are improving at depth and the ore reserves have thoroughly established the permanency of the camp," said Mr. Campbell.

"The monthly payroll is not far from the \$100,000 mark. While the present tonnage may have been exceeded at certain former periods, the net profits have never been larger than at present. The confidence of eastern investors in the various enterprises is now fully restored. Quite recently the shares of the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company owning the War Eagle, Centre Star, the Trail smelter and the St. Eugene at Moyle, have advanced from \$75 to over par, or \$100. Sales at \$100 have been recorded. The Le Roi and the Centre Star group have each attained a depth of two thousand feet, and I understand that the Le Roi Two intends sinking to the same level.

"The West Kootenay Power & Light Company is now supplying 16,000 horsepower to the mines and smelters of Rossland and the Boundary. It has 25,000 horsepower developed hydraulically and 24,000 horsepower of waterwheels and electrical machinery in operation."

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VERNON HAS WATER PROBLEM.
 City Council Investigates Two Schemes For Increasing City's Supply.

Vernon, Dec. 11.—At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night, the reports of Engineers Meredith and Tracy on Long Lake as a source of water and power supply, and of Mr. Galt on the comparative merits of the B. X. creek and Long Lake schemes, was fully gone into. According to the best expert opinion, it appears that the cost of the complete Long Lake project, for both waterworks and power, an undertaking that would provide ample water for domestic purposes for a population of 5,000, and furnish 800 hp 250 h. p., would be \$98,000.

Ald. Glover took a very strong stand in favor of going in for the larger scheme, of developing power at Long Lake, so that the city might be in a position to foster industries by offering cheap power. He claimed that the city had made a great mistake in not taking the matter up four or five years ago.

Ald. Costerton believed that it would not be wise to add unduly to the present indebtedness of the city, stating that, although the estimate of the cost of a storage project on B. X. creek sufficient to provide a permanent supply was \$15,000, a partial construction

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"I DO NOT CARE FOR YOUR SENTIMENTS."

The elections are over, but the Colonist persists in its misrepresentations in regard to the statements of the Prime Minister of Canada on the subject of Oriental immigration. Our contemporary professes a desire to be fair to its political opponents. Will it have the decency to publish the following letter addressed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the editor of the Vancouver World, dated January 24th:

"Dear Sir—My attention has just been drawn to an editorial in the Victoria Colonist of December 18th, and a statement made by the Hon. Richard McBride in a speech to the young Conservative Club of New Westminster and reported in the Columbian of the 21st, both referring to certain words said to have been uttered by me at a public meeting in Ottawa on December 3rd.

"In discussing the views and sentiments of the people of British Columbia in regard to Oriental immigration I am quoted as saying: 'I do not care for your sentiment and I believe you are making a mistake.' 'Had the editor of the Colonist and Mr. McBride gone further and quoted the words immediately following: 'But these are your sentiments and I am bound to respect them,' it would have at once been apparent that I was misquoted and that the words which were actually used by me were: 'I do not share in your sentiments.' 'I would also refer to my speech in the House of Commons delivered the day immediately preceding (see Revised Hansard, page 61). The people of British Columbia have certain views upon the question. I would not be honest with myself or with them were I to say that I shared those views, but while I do not share them I am bound to respect them. We are bound to see that the views of all people in a free country like this are given respect.' 'Yours faithfully, 'WILFRID LAURIER.'"

ENGLAND'S GREAT ATTRACTIONS.

The Postmaster-General of Canada made a notable, but not a remarkable, discovery on his recent visit to Great Britain. In an eloquent speech delivered before the London Canadian Club during a banquet which was attended by many statesmen and other distinguished personages, Mr. Lemieux said his short experience led him to believe England was a much-abused and atrociously libelled country—misrepresented alike by Englishmen, who might be expected to take a pride in their own home land, and by foreigners, from whose ignorance little else could be looked for. As a matter of fact, said the Canadian speaker, England is not only a country in which a man may speak the thing he will; it is also the "home of kindness and refinement." Mr. Lemieux is not singular in having made this discovery as a result of a brief sojourn. There are others, and some of them are persons one would naturally expect "to be shown" before yielding submission to the attractions of English people. We believe we are correct in stating that a very large number indeed of Americans and people of other nationalities, chiefly in independent means, have succumbed to the fascination of the seagirt isle, to the freedom of her institutions, and to the refinements of life and the kindness of manners of the people, attributes which are possibly more conspicuously manifested there than anywhere else in the known world.

What was it that induced William Walter Astor to break up his magnificent establishment in New York, to surrender as off as the Knickerbockers, to abdicate a social throne before which the representatives of the oldest and the most distinguished families do obelance? It was undoubtedly the more subtle refinements of English life and the more kindly influences of which the King himself is the centre. Let no one suppose the migration of Mr. Astor involved no sacrifices. The head of the family was most virulently assailed by even the more liberal of American newspapers for his defection. The fact was demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of editors and readers that Mr. Astor had committed the unpardonable sin in renouncing his American citizenship and becoming a subject of Queen Victoria. We think the judgment of a later and broader generation of Americans will be that William Walter Astor is entitled to a special meed of praise for having and exercising the courage of his convictions. He did not take such a momentous step without discovering for his own satisfaction that there is no country in the world in which the republican principle of freedom and equality is more generally exemplified than amongst the kindly people of Great Britain. Hundreds of Americans have followed

ed the example of Mr. Astor, up to a certain point. There is Mr. Croker, for example—but no one would expect Mr. Croker to abdicate the great principles which shaped his career and founded his fortune in the United States. Yet his actions indicate exactly his estimate of the comparative attractions of Great Britain and the United States as a place of abode, a land in which to enjoy life and liberty and to pursue happiness. It is reported that Mr. J. D. Rockefeller will shortly follow the example of many of the millionaire families of which he is the acknowledged chief. Probably this disposition of so many rich men is an example of the mysterious ways in which Providence moves to maintain national balances. It is not impossible that in the course of the life of many people of the present day the social relations of the United States and Great Britain may be so closely interwoven that the twin will be generally recognized as virtually one flesh. It will also be interesting to observe what part Canada plays in this extraordinary family reunion.

Attention was called to a matter at the Board of Trade meeting Thursday by Mr. H. A. Mann which is of very great interest to the city. That is to the comparatively small passenger traffic by steamer between the ports of San Francisco and Victoria, which is, we believe, not greater than it was twenty years ago. The reason, it is claimed, is that the steamer accommodation of to-day is no better than it was then, while the train service has been appreciably improved during the same period. There have been also distressing accidents on this route, which have had a tendency to frighten people away—and deter them from travelling to the south by water. It is believed, however, that all this prejudice and fear would be speedily overcome if a large, modern, first-class British-built boat, capable of making the run from San Francisco to Victoria inside of thirty-six hours, were placed on the route. California offers a large field for exploration in the tourist business. Every spring and summer large numbers who have spent the winter there are on the move, and all that is required to bring them here is, first, a thorough advertising of our incomparable summer climate, and then direct, safe and swift steamship connection provided to carry them northwards. With such a service all passengers would be distributed from Victoria, and southern travellers would assemble here to embark. The steamer would coal at Victoria for the round trip, and with the right craft a service could be given and a trade worked up far greater than anyone at present dreams of. There seems to be another good opening here for C. P. R. enterprise.

Discussing Mr. J. J. Hill's recent speeches in favor of closer commercial relations between Canada and the United States, the Pall Mall Gazette says: "There is not the least possibility of Canada removing her tariff barriers, as that would merely enable the United States manufacturer to crush his colonial rival while the latter is still a producer upon a comparatively small scale. The situation shows, however, what advantageous terms Canada is in a position to command. Every important nation is a suitor for privileges in her expanding market, and any of them would give a very substantial return for that preference which we receive for nothing, and which the Cobdenites tries to represent as of no value."

The congestion of population in Germany could easily be relieved by directing the attention of the industrious Teuton to Canada. He would have unequalled opportunities here, the climate is almost identical with that of the central portion of the Kaiser's empire, politically he would be as "free as the air," and wherever he goes he proves himself an estimable citizen. Surely that would be a far more desirable solution of the problem than entering upon a war the end of which would be at least doubtful and the cost of which to the nations concerned would not be at all doubtful. Besides German schemes of colonization have in almost every instance failed. German institutions are either less desirable than those of Great Britain or the German people do not cling to them with the tenacity of Britons.

We are reminded by an authority of unquestioned standing that it is not wise to allude to the evidence of mortality which are to be found on every hand at this season of the year. Such references may have the effect of inducing a morbid condition of mind in creatures, who, while created a little lower than the angels, are yet unquestionably mortal. The fall of the leaf is no indication of ebbing life as far as aged Mother Nature is concerned. On the contrary it is an evidence of preparation for a fuller and a larger life in the immediate future. It means

a temporary suspension of functions, a period of inactivity and passivity, against the day when, revived, renewed in strength, all Nature shall burst forth in greater splendor. Yet if we ignore the unmistakable signs of the season, which even in this climate are quite apparent, we are reminded in other ways that the year is passing, thus before the lapse of many weeks we shall turn over the last page of 1908 and find "1909" inscribed at the bottom thereof. The houses which make a business of publishing such pleasing trifles as Christmas cards, children's holiday books, and articles of real utility such as calendars are submitting specimens of their art for approval. The Times has received some of these things from the well-known firm of Raphael, Tuck & Sons Co., which does business in all parts of the world, and has an establishment in Montreal. The color printing and chasteness of design displayed in the specimens submitted are fully up to the standard of excellence for which this house has an established reputation.

It is proposed that the United States shall spend five hundred million dollars in the construction of a grand national system of waterways. Five hundred millions is a considerable sum of money even for a rich country like the United States to raise. It may do this and build its canals. But it has now a proposition of no mean magnitude on its hands at Panama. After that is completed it may be feasible to go ahead with the other scheme; but long before that can be finished Canada will have a better system and one costing ever so much less money. Nature has been good to us in laying out a great portion of the Canadian system in advance.

The editor of the Vancouver World will be a candidate for the mayoralty of British Columbia's most ambitious city. There are no bounds to the ambitious of some of our brethren of the fraternity. Nevertheless Mr. Taylor is a capable man, and we wish him all success in his quest of civic honors.

What Other People Think ON A CONSOLIDATED EMPIRE. To the Editor—It looks as if my days are numbered. A gentleman by the name of John Williams, through your columns, proposes to pay all expenses for a meeting in Victoria. I plead guilty. I did say something in Singapore, again in Christchurch, again in London, and later on at Sapperton. Just as soon as the holidays are over Mr. John Williams, who is evidently a good old Britisher, will hear my side of a consolidated British Empire in some hall in Victoria. GUY W. WALKER. 718 Johnson St., Victoria.

The United Kingdom consumes 1,200,000,000 pounds of flour yearly. The average Angora goat produces from six to eight pounds of mohair a year. I hold it true, with him who sings, to one clear harp, in divers tones, that men who'd fly ere they have wings are apt to break their blooming bones. The birds say think it fully worth their while to soar from tree to tree but while I live this good old earth is plenty smooth enough for me.

ADVANTAGES OF OWNERSHIP.

(Toronto World.) Once you make an agreement, and the courts interpret it against you, there is no relief until the expiration or denoucement of the franchise; whereas, when the city owns the franchise it can do whatever it likes when- ever it likes with something that is its own. It is always free to reduce fares, to extend lines, to adopt the latest appliances, and to do whatever it wants to do. A municipality ought to be un- entangled. This "gawing up," as it is called, of municipalities, is the great money-making business of street rail- way magnates and electric light mag- nates all the world over to-day. "Sew up the municipality" is their motto. "then you've got 'em."

READINESS BETTER THAN RE- PENTANCE.

(Montreal Star.) In war, success is the least which most governments apply. They would rather be wrong than be beaten. This is very wicked, but it is war. And Britain will be very badly advised if she does not prepare herself against sudden sur- prises. It would be exceedingly unsat- isfactory to debate the "morality" of the act by which she was brought to her knees, with a German garrison in London and the British fleet stricken to impotency by death at the heart.

TRUE TO TRADITION.

(Hamilton Spectator.) Press dispatches state that the cap- tain, first officer, all the engineers and eighteen of the crew of the doomed British steamer Sardinia went down to death while working to rescue the ship's passengers. How truly charac- teristic of the traditional quality of British seamen.

IN VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

(Hamilton Times.) When young Hayes won the Marat- hon race in England, he was acclim- ed by the American newspapers as "the American Marathon champion." Hayes was beaten by the Italian run- ner Dorando in a 26-mile race in New York, and the Buffalo Express refers to the defeat of "the Irish champion." Amusing folks, those neighbors of ours.

PROFITABLE HOSPITALITY.

(Ottawa Free Press.) The New Zealanders are a canny lot. They are now calculating that the amount expended upon the reception of the United States fleet was repaid in the proportion of three cents expenditure and twenty-two cents of railway re- venue. No wonder they call the people of the younger dominion the "Scots of the South."

AIRSHIPS.

(Emporia Gazette.) I hold it true, with him who sings, to one clear harp, in divers tones, that men who'd fly ere they have wings are apt to break their blooming bones. The birds say think it fully worth their while to soar from tree to tree but while I live this good old earth is plenty smooth enough for me.

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—At the Y.M.C.A. four basketball teams have been formed among members of the employed boys' class. They are A, B, C, and D teams. Last evening the teams A, and C, were contestants and the result was that the later was defeated. On Tuesday evening next B and D teams will be rivals.

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Missa Nellie Fugate and Kitty Fraser.
Sonata—C Minor.....Beethoven
I. Allegro.
Miss Florence Marvin.
III. Final.
Miss Vera Adams.
Nocturne in A Flat.....Leybach
Miss Maria T. Gapsche.
Romanza.....Rubinstein
Miss Nellie Lovell.
Andante from 2nd Concerto.....de Beriot
Mr. Leroy Hartman.
Sonata in A Flat with Var.....Beethoven
Miss Nellie Fugate.
Nocturne—Op. 25, No. 1.....Chopin
Mazurka—Op. 6, No. 1.....Chopin
Miss Edythe McElhinny.
Fantasia in G Minor.....Mozart
Miss Lotus Griffith.
Concerto, No. 2, Op. 18, de Beriot
Miss Gladys Spence.
Sonata for Piano and Violin—No. 11, in B Flat.....Mozart
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—R. A. W. Loys, of London, Eng., who has been engaged in surveying in the Cumberland district, returned last evening.

—Wong Chang, against whom a summons for vagrancy has been issued, did not appear in police court this morning and Chief Langley had a warrant issued for his arrest.

—The dance, given in St. John's hall last night by the High School Hockey Club, in honor of the visiting teams from Vancouver, was a most enjoyable affair. The hall was handsomely decorated in the club colors, and the dance programme, an excellent one, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A number of the teachers and parents were present.

—The Indian assault case went on again in police court this morning and took up the whole day. The case was that against Charles Pollard. There is still the case against Jumbo, an Ahouset Indian, which will probably take up another couple of days next week. After trying several interpreters, Father Brabant's services were called in, and then the taking of the evidence went along smoothly. The prosecution put in witnesses to prove the actual assault and these are being severely cross-examined by J. A. Alkman for the defence.

—The funeral of the late Robert Patterson took place yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from the Hanna chapel. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, and a number of beautiful floral offerings were sent. Among the latter was a beautiful design, presented by James Leigh & Sons and employees. The mill was also shut down, and the employees gathered to pay their last respects. The Knights of Pythias attended in a body. Services were conducted by Rev. D. MacRae. The following acted as pallbearers: Mr. Gerhardt, R. J. Evans, G. Roy, J. Grant, E. Logan and J. Newbigging.

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THOMPSON RUGBY CUP RETURNS TO VANCOUVER

Victoria High School Boys Outplayed in Game at Oak Bay.

The Thompson Rugby cup representing the school's championship was won this morning at Oak Bay by the Vancouver High school against the Victoria High school. Vancouver won the cup last year and retained their right to it this morning through superior and more skillful play. The score was: Vancouver two tries (six points), Victoria nil.

The game was won and lost in the first half when McCrae and Ryan scored the tries which, however, were not converted. From the first Vancouver rushed matters, outdoing the Victoria High school boys in every department of the game. It was due to their strong start that they won. The second half, however, the local boys came together in better shape and held their own all through, but were not able to gain any advantage or to make up any of the lead the Vancouver boys had established. J. C. Barnacle refereed.

The match was played on a wet ground, which in several places was under pools of water. The side lines were slippery, where they had been worn away in other games, and the end of the ground where the girls' hockey match was played was almost a quagmire. This made it very hard work for both teams. The Vancouver boys having slightly the best of it in weight did not fall to use it when opportunity offered. They, however, played the more scientific game and deserved the victory and the cup. The teams were:

VANCOUVER GIRLS WIN HOCKEY MATCH

Plucky High School Game in Wind and Rain at Oak Bay.

Vancouver High school girls this morning won the Thompson hockey cup from Victoria High school girls at Oak Bay by three goals to two. The victory of the Vancouver girls was due particularly to the splendid play of little Elva Stone, playing outside right, who undoubtedly played the star game of the morning, time and time again taking the ball from the Victoria forwards and carrying it along the field to the forward line and then centering. The winning goal scored three minutes and a half before time was the result of this little player's best effort.

The game commenced in pouring rain, which continued till just before half-time. The ground was under water at both goals and several puddles ornamented the field. In the down-pour Vancouver attacked first but the goalkeeper, Maud Ledingham, cleared and the ball went up the ground on a rush when Helen Heyland shot from a distance and a big cheer went up for her. The players, drenching wet and covered with mud, stayed with their work with wonderful pluck and endurance. Several times the Victoria goal was in danger. Vancouver girls got crowded into goal and in the melee the ball went through and evened up the score.

Marion Irkline landed Victoria's second goal into the net shortly before half time and with the score 2-1 in favor of Victoria the twenty-two players mud-bespattered and drenched with the rain played out half-time.

On the change Ruby Alexander and Gladys Cocking scored for Vancouver and on the same goal the cup. In the second half Victoria forward line went to pieces badly and failed to follow up several advantages. When time was called they were pressing hard round the goal and looked like making a tie of the game. Vancouver girls attribute their victory to the rain and mud. They played a harder and heavier game in the last half, while Victoria showed plainly the work and the wet had begun to tell on them.

Capt. Bee Briggs for Victoria had her team well in hand and played a fine game herself, while goalkeeper Maud Ledingham, especially in the first half, defended for Victoria in first class shape. Olive Wrathall, fullback, several times relieved the pressure and put in much useful work. Ivy Jones, Vancouver's halfback, fought well for her side and Miss McDougall and Jessie Meadows were far too good for Victoria's lighter forwards in the second half. Elva Stone, however, played the star game of the day and undoubtedly won the match and the cup for her side. The teams were as follows:

Victoria—Goal, Maud Ledingham;

fullbacks, Olive Wrathall and Ada Schwengers; half right, Jean Ramsay; centre, Irene Nason; left, Blanche Brydon; outside, Helen Heyland; inside, B. Clarke; forwards, Bee Briggs; inside, Emily Hall; outside, Marlon Erskine.

Vancouver—Goal, Miss McDougall; backs, Jessie Meadows, Ivy Jones; halfbacks, Ruth Clark (captain), Jean McEwen, Georgianna Patterson; forwards, Gladys Cocking, Elva Stone, Belle Fraser, Ruby Alexander, Evelyn Litter; spare, M. Shaw.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE NEAR FOUL BAY

Police Patrol Was Called to Scene Late This Afternoon.

Just as the Times was going to press word was received that a man had cut his throat in front of Mr. McCallum's new house, near Foul Bay. The man was not known by those who found him, and according to the account sent in he was bleeding profusely. The police have gone out with the patrol wagon on a telephone message.

MAYOR HALL WILL ADDRESS ELECTORS

Meeting for Tuesday Night—Candidates Now in the Field.

A good deal of interest is being taken in the fact that Mayor Hall is to give an account of his first year's stewardship on Tuesday evening next. It has been the custom for mayors, to wait until just a few days prior to the election before taking the electorate into their confidence, but Mr. Hall is apparently not satisfied with following in the old well worn rut. All ratepayers will be glad to hear the mayor, and doubtless there will be a large attendance.

While there is not much move yet in the matter of candidates for the council next year, a few new aspirants have announced their intention of running.

Mr. E. Morley says he is not yet prepared to say whether he will be a candidate for mayor or not. J. A. Turner has announced his intention of being an aldermanic candidate for Ward No. 5. A. G. Sargison says he has decided also to run for that ward.

BRADSTREETS TO HAVE AGENT IN THE CITY

Information Received by the Secretary of the Board of Trade.

Definite information has been received by the secretary of the local Board of Trade that the Bradstreet Co. will place an agent at this point. Some years ago this company had an agent in Victoria as well as Dun's Trade Agency, but both were withdrawn in 1902.

Recently the Board of Trade have again been interested in this matter, as they claim it is in the interests of the city to have a representative at this point, with the above happy result. The appointment will be made in a few days. It is expected that Dun's agency will likely follow the example and place a representative here also.

The second of his series of lectures on great Glimpses of Europe, will be given by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, on Wednesday evening next, in St. Andrew's church. "Scotland" has been chosen as the subject of this lecture and, as Mr. Clay visited most of the beauty spots and places of historic interest in the "Land of Cakes," a delightful evening is in store for those who attend. The lecture will be illustrated by some excellent stereoscopic views of the chief places of interest in the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the scenic grandeur of the Trossachs, and such historic scenes as Stirling Castle, Westrose Abbey and the Field of Bannockburn. All who had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Clay's lecture on Italy, will agree that a rare intellectual treat awaits them on Wednesday evening.

The "Imakur," a Finnish stone, is used as a barometer. It becomes white before the approach of fine weather, and darkens when storms are at hand.

For dispatch carrying, the Russian Army has trained falcons, which have a far greater speed than carrier pigeons.

WASHOUT INTERFERES WITH E. & N. SERVICE

Trains Over Line This Afternoon Have Been Cancelled.

Many hunters were disappointed this afternoon as they were unable to get up the E. & N. line, owing to a washout near Goldstream. This morning the trains transferred their passengers, but both of the afternoon trains have been cancelled. It is expected that all will be repaired by the morning, when the train will leave as usual at 9 o'clock.

EVANGELIST ON NEW WORLD-FORCES

Young American Tells London Audience of "Christianity's Chance."

To an audience of 10,000 people at the Albert hall, London, the Bishop of London introduced a young American, Mr. John R. Mott. He is the general secretary of the World's Christian Student Union, which has, we believe, over a million members. And he had come to deliver an address on "Modern World Movements: God's Challenge to the Church," says the London Chronicle of recent date.

Mr. Mott is typical of the "earnest young man" of America. He reminds one of the character in the "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son." With a square, clear-cut face, and firm mouth, and dressed in a black frock suit and black tie, he had nothing in common with the ordinary religious enthusiast. Speaking with a resonant American intonation which vibrated to the highest gallery of the Albert hall, he addressed his audience in a plain, unemotional style. Yet in some strange way he held them spell-bound, and so stirred them that, in spite of the Bishop of London's injunction that there should be no applause, they burst repeatedly into volleys of clapping, until the young American himself rebuked them sternly.

Perhaps the secret of his power was in the fact that he spoke of what he had seen with his own eyes in many countries of the world, as an ambassador of Christianity. We are standing, he said, in the presence of gigantic world forces. A thrill of new life is stirring from the inland sea of Europe to the island sea of the East. In the Turkish Empire, he saw a new nation born in a day, 40,000,000 absolute, hundreds of newspapers published under the new era of free speech, and Moslem women, unveiled, taking part in great public demonstrations of joy. The spirit of God is moving again in Islam, and the Christian watchwords of liberty, equality, and fraternity are ingrained for the first time into Mohammedanism.

That is the opportunity of Christianity; for Turkey is the head-centre of the Mohammedan world with its 300,000,000 of adherents; and England, who, foremost among Christian powers, has been loyal to Turkey in this crisis of her fate, should use this means of influence to the utmost of her power. Even as the "Medes and Persians" have at last been broken by the spirit of liberty.

China's New Era. But most wonderful is the rising national spirit in the Chinese empire. During the past six years the industrial and educational changes have been almost unbelievable. China is now covered with a network of telegraphs, and by an immense number of schools and colleges. There is a great emigration of high-class Chinese students in quest of knowledge. Six years ago there were less than twenty in the open. Now 15,000 students of the grandest nations of heaven are sitting at the feet of her conqueror to learn the secrets of her power. China is determined to learn the secret of the industrial, military and naval power of the West, and when her national system of education is completed she will have 50,000,000 of students compared to the 5,000,000 of Japan. "When China moves," said Napoleon, "she will move the world." "China," says John R. Mott, "is moving."

With grave words the young American pointed out the perils of this new awakening of the Eastern nations, the perils of materialism, Oriental vice, and world conflicts. In his cold, calm words he built up a picture of terror which struck a chill into the hearts of those 10,000 people in the Albert hall. But then he showed the opportunity for Christianity, which must inform, guide, purify and ennoble the Eastern races. If we cannot Christianize them, we can at least make them friendly to Christian peoples.

Moreover, many of them are eager to learn and know. In a great missionary campaign, conducted by Mr. Mott among Chinese students, halls could not be found large enough to hold his audiences. There are already 200,000 Christians in China. The educated classes in Japan are studying the Christian religion with extraordinary ardor. Korea, "the land of the morning calm," is vibrating with the Holy Ghost. There were 50,000 conversions to Christianity in Korea last year.

Mr. Mott concluded by saying that all this was a challenge to Christianity, a call for new missionary enterprise with statesmen and doctors, and business men, as the ambassadors of the Christian spirit. In impressive words he made a plea for unity among the Christian churches, so that a world-wide campaign should be organized to carry the cross to the vast races of the East, who now, after thousands of years in darkness, are calling for the light of a new faith.

Whatever may be the truth or value of these words, it must be acknowledged that John R. Mott, of Yale and Cornell Universities, is one of those young Americans who mean business, and who have the strong character, which comes from earnest conviction.

John Burns stated that the British House of Commons has passed a bill which has a far greater speed than carrier pigeons.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

SCENE AT ST. PETER'S. By an Eye-Witness in the Irish Independent.

It was early on Monday morning, the 16th inst. (November), when I made my way towards St. Peter's. As I crossed the river, the statues of the angels, with the instruments of our Lord's Passion spoke eloquently enough, but in a tone that seemed out of keeping with the enthusiasm of the populace, and the pilgrims. The same grey light that fell on the murky Tiber dimmed the great angel on Hadrian's Mausoleum. The first Pope had known the Passion itself. His great successor, Gregory, had seen the vision of the angel, who stayed the plague, and now, to the left, Michael Angelo's dome of St. Peter's, stood ready to welcome the peasant successor of the Fisherman. All, or nearly all, the nations of the world had sent noble and famous men to honor the festival. Monsignori were so common in the streets of Rome that they passed unregarded. Bishops seemed shrunken in the presence of Cardinals; but the Cardinals themselves, however transcending our sphere, were now of little account when people were waiting from Mass to secure a place at the Jubilee Feast of the Holy Father.

A Crowded Basilica. St. Peter's was crowded. It had been known there were about fifteen hundred pilgrims and nearly three hundred Bishops in the city. Seventy-eight thousand tickets had been allotted; and there were many who would not need a ticket. It has, therefore, been calculated that there were nearly eighty thousand persons at the Mass. Of every race and clime they were dense bodies of men and women, the number of the men greatly preponderating. But here we could see the Nun's wimple, there a black veil, and beside these the kerchiefs of poor Italian women, the same who had only two or three Chinese lanterns to decorate their little windows in the evening. Here was the German student, prominent in his red cassock, the dark face of the Indian, there again the neckband of the French priest, and elsewhere the good-natured courtesy of an Irish Catholic. Rich and poor were there.

Men without a collar were standing by the noble guard, the most extensive corps in the world, every private needing many armoiral quarters for admission. Near me was a poor man, apparently a gondolier, who had known the Pope at Venice. On my other hand was a priest who had been ordained by the Pope when his Holiness was archbishop. Both were men, well advanced in years, yet their enthusiasm recalled that of the young men among us.

From Man, Land. The diplomatic bodies were well represented. Extraordinary embassies had been sent by the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Spain, and the King of Portugal. Special missions had been sent by the Queen of Holland, the Regent of Bavaria, the King of Saxony, the King of Belgium, and the President of the Columbian republic. Special credentials had been issued to their representatives by the President of the Chilean republic, the Prince of Monaco, the President of the Peruvian republic, the president of the Argentine republic, the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, the President of the Brazilian republic, and the President of the Republic of San Salvador. The Emperor of Russia had not only sent an extraordinary mission and a plenipotentiary minister, but had also transmitted an autograph letter of congratulation. The bright uniforms and numerous decorations worn by members of the diplomatic corps lent an air of brightness to the scene.

The Pope's Relatives. And so little of all this depended on the power of money. Young men and old men too, of rank and wealth held it among the chief of their honors to be allowed to act as private soldiers on duty orwards to receive the tickets. But the day was with the poor. In a tribune sat a little group of women, noble as the Pope's sisters and niece, and nobler still for the simplicity of their lives. He himself, with whom we came to rejoice, lives like the poor, for it is known in Rome that his personal expenses do not exceed one lira, that is tenpence a day.

A Great Procession. I had stood for nearly two hours in St. Peter's, when it drew near half-past nine, the hour appointed for the mass. Presently there was the noise of shutting the doors. Then the head of the procession came into view. There were the canons of the three great Basilicas, Armenian priests in their quaint head-dress, and a long line of Bishops, their

white mitres throwing into relief the golden mitres and crowns worn by the Oriental Bishops and Patriarchs. It seemed as if the line would never end. About two hundred and eighty they were, nearly as many as the three hundred and eighty of the first general council, and equally representative of Catholic tradition and Catholic authority. Among them were scholars of world-wide reputation, diplomatic known in European courts, administrators of proved skill and foresight, heroes of the battlefield like Heloise of Nottingham, and some whose names spoke of Ireland and her scattered children. Elsewhere, and at another time, each of these men might well be the centre of a scene. But at that moment we ceased to imagine till they had passed. Yet the Cardinals intervened. As they advanced a little from the chapel on the right of the entrance, there was a rustle in the crowd; the Pope's chair was carried through the door; and the choir above the entrance chanted the voice inscribed on a golden ground around the dome in mosaic letters, each six feet high. And while the choir sang "Thou Art Peter," the silver trumpets of the noble guard rang out full and clear.

The Pope Enters. He came, blessing the people as he passed. It had been forbidden to applaud for the Holy Father will have none of it in God's house. Yet handkerchiefs were waved; and someone in my neighborhood, suddenly overcome by his enthusiasm, cried out: The Pope turned, and raised his hand to enjoin silence. I was glad of it, for I was no longer overawed by the Veil of Christ, I saw only the old parish priest, who has all Christendom for his parish. So I could study his face. They say he has the look of a saint. But it was sad, sad beyond expression, and yet how calm and gentle.

The Priest at the Altar. A little throne had been prepared for the Pope to read the Third of the "Hours." There, too, he was vested. But behind the High Altar, which stands above the tomb of the Apostles, stood a great Throne, facing us. There the Pope read the Introit, the Kyrie, and the Gloria. A vestige of the primitive Roman liturgy came into view when the Epistle and Gospel were read, both in Latin and Greek. There was a trace of medieval history in the tasting of the wine to defend the Pope against poison. But these things pass almost unregarded now. As his Holiness faces the people in such celebra-

tions, we could note his profound reverence and recollection. At the beginning, when he was being borne towards the smaller throne, his eyes were filled with tears, and he seemed moved by the welcome of the faithful and the meaning of the occasion. At the altar, there was nothing of himself. There he was the priest, called to forget everything but his work. As he heard the consecration, we heard an officer's voice, the movement of the soldiers' feet, and immediately before the supreme act, the Noble Guard had formed in rows facing the altar. And as the silver trumpets began the symphony, played during the elevation and only then, the soldiers presented arms, knelt, reversed arms, and rose again to salute the one greater than the Pope, The Benediction.

At the end of the Mass the Holy Father pronounced a Benediction in the same clear, musical voice, in which he had sung the Preface and the Lord's Prayer. Just as his attendants had raised his chair, some one cheered for the Pope, who raised his hand, and at once restrained the demonstration. The face of the Holy Father was slightly flushed after his exertions, but now he was smiling. As he was borne past a crowd of students, he raised his right finger in almost playful warning, and still smiling, and looking into the faces of the people, he was borne away from us.

A CITY WITH A MANAGER.

Stannton, Va., a city of 12,000 inhabitants, is the only municipality in America with a business manager. This new scheme of city government has been in operation since last April, and according to all accounts is proving a success. The city retains the form of political organization required in law, and is governed from a legal standpoint by a Mayor and city council, says the Washington Herald. "These officers, however, have delegated the purely business functions of local administration to the business manager, elected by them for a period of one year and directly responsible to them. He has saved money to the taxpayers, according to his own statement, and given them an economical and efficient service. For one thing, he was able to place contracts for granite paving at 71 cents a square yard, instead of the 82 the council was paying prior to his appointment."

The Baronetcy was instituted by James I. in 1611, for the purpose of raising money for the province of Ulster, Ireland. All Barons are still entitled to bear on their coats-of-arms the bloody hand of Ulster.

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Ocean and Coastwise Shipping

Movements of Local Vessels—Trade Expansion in B. C. Waters—Cleanings of Interest From the Seven Seas.

LLOYD'S AGENT

NOT YET APPOINTED

J. Gardiner Johnson Expects to Make Announcement in Few Days.

J. Gardiner Johnson came over from Vancouver yesterday in connection with the survey of the steamer Glenfarg, which is in Esquimalt harbor. Mr. Johnson is Lloyd's agent for British Columbia, and when seen this morning said that the appointment to the position of Lloyd's agent in this city would not be made until word had been received from London in answer to a letter which he had written immediately on the receipt of the news of Captain Cox's death. The appointment is in the hands of Mr. Gardiner Johnson and the announcement will be made by him in the near future.

AGENTS APPOINTED.

Steamship Companies Place Representatives at Prince Rupert in Readiness for Spring Trade.

A number of changes have been made in the agencies of the steamship companies operating steamers on the north coast of British Columbia. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company, operating steamers between Seattle and Skagway, making Prince Rupert their only port of call in British Columbia, have appointed F. B. Deacon agent, vice Ray Bacon resigned. The Canadian Pacific have put a salaried agent, vice Kenneth D. Munro, who has only been a commission agent. The Mackenzie Bros. Steamship Company will replace the Transit with the Rupert City on the first of the year, and W. J. Mackenzie, of Foley, Welch & Stewart's office staff, who has been acting agent, will now be connected with the company. P. R. Fleming, who has been with the C. P. R. for several years as traveling freight and passenger agent on the coast, will open a steamship office in the old post office as soon as it is vacated. It is not known what company he will represent.

PLEIADES CHARTERED.

Steamer Will Run in Opposition to Hyades on Hawaiian Route.

Cook & Co., agents for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, have completed negotiations for the charter of the American steamer Pleiades, which has been lying idle in Puget Sound since last January. The Pleiades will operate in the Hawaiian Island trade in opposition to her sister steamer, the Hyades, which is under time charter to the American-Hawaiian rival, the Matson Navigation Company. The Pleiades is in good condition, having been extensively overhauled when she returned from Guaymas last January. She will be converted into oil burner and is to be delivered to her charterers by January 1st. She is under time charter for ten months, similar to the terms under which the Hyades was fixed.

In opposition to her sister steamer, the Pleiades will run from Seattle to Honolulu and other island ports, thence to San Francisco and return to Puget Sound. The American-Hawaiian line already has a large amount of tonnage on this coast, but it is stated that increasing business requires an additional steamer. The Pleiades and Hyades are well adapted for this trade.

TEUCER HERE.

Blue Funnel Liner Loading Whale Oil at Outer Dock.

Steamer Teucer arrived from Vancouver last night and is today loading 456 barrels of whale oil for the Puget market. The steamer took on at Vancouver 52,600 cases of salmon and 225,000 feet of lumber. From here she goes to Tacoma to complete her cargo and will call back for passengers on her way out about the 28th instant. The officers of the Teucer will attempt to make a record trip across the Pacific and to Liverpool.

TIDE TABLE.

Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
12:00	10.5	4.5	12:00	10.5	4.5
1:00	10.8	4.2	1:00	10.8	4.2
2:00	11.1	3.9	2:00	11.1	3.9
3:00	11.4	3.6	3:00	11.4	3.6
4:00	11.7	3.3	4:00	11.7	3.3
5:00	12.0	3.0	5:00	12.0	3.0
6:00	12.3	2.7	6:00	12.3	2.7
7:00	12.6	2.4	7:00	12.6	2.4
8:00	12.9	2.1	8:00	12.9	2.1
9:00	13.2	1.8	9:00	13.2	1.8
10:00	13.5	1.5	10:00	13.5	1.5
11:00	13.8	1.2	11:00	13.8	1.2
12:00	14.1	0.9	12:00	14.1	0.9
1:00	14.4	0.6	1:00	14.4	0.6
2:00	14.7	0.3	2:00	14.7	0.3
3:00	15.0	0.0	3:00	15.0	0.0
4:00	15.3	-0.3	4:00	15.3	-0.3
5:00	15.6	-0.6	5:00	15.6	-0.6
6:00	15.9	-0.9	6:00	15.9	-0.9
7:00	16.2	-1.2	7:00	16.2	-1.2
8:00	16.5	-1.5	8:00	16.5	-1.5
9:00	16.8	-1.8	9:00	16.8	-1.8
10:00	17.1	-2.1	10:00	17.1	-2.1
11:00	17.4	-2.4	11:00	17.4	-2.4
12:00	17.7	-2.7	12:00	17.7	-2.7

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

British Barque Carradale was taken around to Esquimalt this morning where she will remain until chartered. The intention was to take her round yesterday, but the tug Lorne was not available.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE

COALS AT CALLAO

C. P. R. Flyer Making Record-breaking Trip so Far.

Steamer Princess Charlotte coaled at Callao yesterday and is now on her way north. She is making excellent time, and according to the calculation of Captain Troup and his associates she ought to reach this port about the 24th inst. She will probably have good weather now while passing through the tropics, and her time of arrival will depend to a large extent on gales or head winds she may meet when she runs into the region of storm on the United States coast.

The Princess Charlotte has now been out from England 89 days, and if she arrives the day before Christmas Day she will have taken 62 days. This will be a very fast trip, probably a record breaker.

SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Dec. 12, 8 a. m.—Southeast gales; barometer, 29.23; temperature, 46. Sea rough.

Point Grey, Dec. 12, 8 a. m.—Rain; strong southeast gale; barometer, 29.43; temperature, 44. Passed in steamer Iroquois at 12:30.

Tatoosh, Dec. 12, 8 a. m.—Heavy rain; wind southwest, 54 miles; barometer, 29.42; temperature, 51; maximum wind 80 miles from the southwest.

Estevan, Dec. 12, 8 a. m.—Clear; southeast gales; barometer, 29.41; temperature, 41. Sea rough.

Pachena, Dec. 12, 8 a. m.—Heavy rain; moderate southwest gale; barometer, 29.35; temperature, 48. Sea rough.

Tatoosh, Dec. 12, noon.—Light rain; wind southwest, 50 miles; barometer, 29.48; temperature, 50.

Estevan, Dec. 12, noon.—Cloudy; frequent rains; squalls; south southeast gale; barometer, 29.33; temperature, 50; sea rough.

Pachena, Dec. 12, noon.—Cloudy; strong south wind; barometer, 29.42; temperature, 47; sea rough.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 12, noon.—Partly cloudy; strong southeast wind; barometer, 29.23; temperature, 49; sea rough.

Point Grey, Dec. 12, noon.—Cloudy; strong south wind; barometer, 29.46; temperature, 51. Passed out, small freight steamer Alaskan, at noon.

UMATILLA ARRIVED.

Frisco Liner Brought About Score of Passengers for Victoria.

Steamer Umatilla made the first call at this port since the accident to her propeller when she arrived last night, bringing a quantity of freight and a number of passengers. Among the freight was a large quantity of material for the Sibley Brick Company, mostly hardware for their machinery. The following is the passenger list: A. E. Sanderson, Mrs. E. Wewater, E. D. Prevost, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, W. D. Tait, G. G. Dennison, Mrs. E. G. Cresswell, Miss N. Gunn, Frank Shepherd, Jas. Oris, Cora M. Oris, Geo. D. Mackenzie, W. J. Dane and five second-class.

TIMELY BRITISH RESCUE.

American Seaman's Plight in Mid-Ocean.

Particulars have been received from Capt. R. O. Jones, of Liverpool, commander of the British steamer Snowdonian, of a timely rescue effected by that steamer in mid-Atlantic, says a London exchange.

The Snowdonian was on a voyage from Philadelphia for Messina, and on the morning of November 7th a derelict was sighted. She proved to be the three-masted schooner Henry Clausen, Jun., of Bath, Maine, with mainmast, mizenmast and jibboom gone, and waterlogged. Capt. Hudson, his wife, and the whole of the crew were huddled together on the top of the after deckhouse, which was the only part of the vessel above water.

They were in a very perilous condition, for with every roll of the derelict huge waves swept over them and threatened to sweep them into the sea. All the boats had been smashed or lost. Capt. Jones ordered a lifeboat to be launched, and after great difficulty, owing to the high sea and the danger of approaching the derelict, the whole of the crew and Mrs. Hudson were transferred in safety to the Snowdonian.

Before the vessel was abandoned she was set on fire to prevent her becoming a menace to navigation.

ANOTHER TUG FOR VICTORIA.

Tugboat Bought by Captain Gardner for Service at This Port.

Yesterday morning the tug Tussler was towed into Victoria harbor by Capt. Gardner, of the steamer Fern, she having been purchased by him at Port Townsend for service in the waters. She is an eighteen-ton boat and was built at Olympia in 1883. Later she was operated from Port Townsend by the Northwestern Navigation Company of that city. The tug will engage in the general towage business.

Australian liner Makura left Honolulu on Tuesday last and is expected to arrive here about next Tuesday morning. She is carrying one hundred passengers. The Makura is making her first run on this route, she being the first 5,000-ton steamer recently built for the Australian-Canadian business.

SHAFTESBURY TO LOAD

LUMBER FOR SYDNEY

Barque Leaves for Fraser River After Being Overhauled.

Word has been received from Liverpool by Capt. Thomas that the British barque Lord Shaftesbury has been chartered and that she is to load lumber for Sydney, Australia, at the Fraser River sawmills. She will leave for that point after being overhauled. So far it has not been definitely decided where she will haul out, but in all probability it will be done at Esquimalt. She is chartered by Bowring & Co., of San Francisco.

MARINE NOTES

Steamer Queen City leaves for the north to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

New York, Dec. 12.—Arrived: Steamer Marthia Washington from Trieste.

Hullfax, Dec. 12.—Capt. Wm. Watt, aged 78, an old West Indian sea mariner, died yesterday.

Steamer Teen left for the West Coast last night, going as far as Sidney Inlet and way ports.

Steamer City of Puebla leaves for San Francisco to-night at 7:30, taking a number of passengers from Victoria.

Princess May will carry a large number of passengers north on Monday night, for Skagway and way ports.

The British barque Inverclyde has completed loading at Chemainus, and will be towed out as soon as a tug is available.

Capt. J. W. Troup left last night for Vancouver en route to Winnipeg, where he will confer with the other officials of the C. P. R. in regard to the work of the next year on this coast. It is known that the company intend to hold their own on every route.

Hope has been almost abandoned for the Hull three-masted schooner Belle of the Sea. The vessel left Trinidad on the 21st August for Liverpool, and has never since been heard of. Underwriters consider the prospects of her arrival so slight that \$5 guineas per cent. "i.e." had to be paid to insure her in Lloyd's recently.

Tenders are being called for the repairs to the steamer Glenfarg, which is at present in drydock at Esquimalt. They should be addressed to Captain Holman, master of the steamer, and left at E. B. Marvin & Co.'s offices. The specifications are being drawn up by T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor. The cost will be considerable.

SHIPPING GUIDE.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

From the Orient.

Empress of China Dec. 13
Montague Jan. 5

Makura Dec. 17
From Mexico.

Lonsdale Dec. 18
From Liverpool.

Titan Dec. 22
From Glasgow.

Princess Charlotte Dec. 21
TO SAIL

Aki Maru Dec. 22
Empress of China Jan. 5

Makura Jan. 1
For Australia.

Lonsdale Dec. 21
For Liverpool.

Teucer Dec. 21
SAILING VESSELS TO ARRIVE

Name Left Date For

Puritan Boston Sept. 14 Vancouver

COASTWISE STEAMERS TO ARRIVE

From San Francisco.

City of Puebla Dec. 12
For Skagway.

Princess May Dec. 11
For Northern B. C. Ports.

Queen City Dec. 24
Vado Dec. 15
Princess Beatrice Dec. 15

From West Coast.

Tees Dec. 19
TO SAIL

HUMANITY IN CONGO STATE

BRITAIN REQUIRES REMEDY OF GRIEVANCES

Missionaries of All Denominations Must Have Equal Facilities for Work.

Boston, Dec. 12.—The Congo Reform Association, whose headquarters are in this city, yesterday made public the contents of a note of the British government to Belgium, which does not recognize the transfer of the Congo to Belgium, and which states that the British government would require "a specific undertaking that the grievances of which it has so often complained shall be remedied within a reasonable period."

The British note is in reply to one received from the Belgian government on July 13th, referring to the Congo annexation.

The British note says further: "Notwithstanding the fact that the peace of their own borders, His Majesty's government hold most strongly that the terms of the declarations exchanged between the government of Her Late Britannic Majesty and the International Association of the Congo on Dec. 16, 1884, entitle them when the territories of the association are about to pass to a new owner, to satisfy themselves that the transfer will correspond more nearly to the intentions of the signatories of these declarations and fulfill the conditions on which His Majesty's government originally recognized the creation of the Congo state."

After referring to the declaration of the association that the state was founded for the purpose of promoting civilization and commerce in Africa, and for other humane and benevolent purposes, the note proceeds to state that the whole tenor of the representations which His Majesty's government have been making for the past few years to the government of the independent state and within the few months to the Belgian government, will show sufficiently that they are very far from being able to think that either of the objects have been attained.

The note concludes: "His Majesty's government trusts that the Belgian government will have no difficulty in giving an assurance that equal facilities will be given to Christian missionaries of all denominations for the prosecution of their work in all parts of the Congo territory."

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The exchange of signatures to the new Franco-American treaty of extradition will take place in Paris in a few days. Ambassador White has been authorized to sign for the United States. This treaty is substantially identical with the one negotiated in 1882, the modification whereof, by the American senate, however, France declined to accept. The existing differences now have been composed.

BOGUS CHECKS.

London, Dec. 12.—A man claiming he had authority, placed an order for an eight-ounce bag for the Winnipeg Rowing Club to cost 150 with Sims, the boat builder. He induced several persons to cash cheques on a London bank for small amounts and these cheques were all returned marked "No account."

VIOLATED MINING ACT.

Toronto, Ont. Dec. 12.—A fine of \$200 each has been imposed on the Crown Jewel company and the Giffin Extension company, mining concerns, for the violation of the Ontario mining act, by omitting from their prospectus certain information which is required to be placed in them.

"CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE"

Kingston, Ont. Dec. 12.—In an address before Queen's political science club yesterday on waterways and water power, G. C. Gibbons, K. C., chairman of the international waterways commission, made a plea for "Canadian independence." "We should be daughter in our mother's house," he said, "but mistress in our own."

CALGARY CHURCH-GOERS.

Calgary, Dec. 12.—The city's churches have not for several months past been able to accommodate the large congregations caused by the rapid increase in population. This statement is borne out by the fact that the Catholic church finds it necessary to build a new edifice early next year. The same condition of affairs applies to practically all the denominations in Calgary.

BRITAIN'S CATTLE TRADE

London, Dec. 12.—Earl Carrington has refused a request made on behalf of the Scottish chambers of agriculture that ports should be closed against live cattle from the United States and Canada. He said it would not be wholesome to have only a dead meat trade.

YOUNG TURKS TRIUMPH.

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—The Young Turks have been successful in the local elections of deputies to the new chamber. The ten representatives are made up of five Turks, two Armenians, two Greeks and one Jew.

47 CASES OF SMALLPOX.

Peterboro, Ont. Dec. 12.—There are forty-seven mild cases of smallpox in the lumber camps north of Peterboro county. Active steps have been taken to stamp out the disease.

CALGARY'S ELECTRIC BONDS.

Calgary, Dec. 12.—This week \$20,000 of electric light bonds were shipped to the London market.

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CYCLE RACERS' AGAIN AHEAD OF RECORD

Last Day of Terrible Grind—Eight Teams Left in Contest.

New York, Dec. 12.—With the end of their long journey only half a day distant, eight weary but determined riders were whirling around the saucer-shaped track at Madison Square Gardens to-day. Eight more men, equally as worn by the fearful strain of the almost ceaseless grind in the bicycle race, were snatching a brief rest before they were to be called upon to take up the strain.

The night had been a trying one for all of the men, one sprint following another with scarcely a breathing space, and by morning every record for distance had been left far in the rear. For a time yesterday the riders were many miles behind the mark set by Miller and Waller in the famous race of 1899, but this loss was gradually cut down, and during this morning the three leading teams were more than 10 miles ahead of the mark established nine years ago. The score at that hour was: Ruth and Stol, 2,469 miles 9 laps; MacFarland and Moran, 2,469 miles 9 laps; Hill and Demars, 2,469 miles 9 laps; Washburn and Root, 2,469 miles 9 laps; Collins and Miller, 2,469 miles 7 laps; Galvin and Wiley, 2,469 miles 7 laps; Anderson and Vancou, 2,449 miles 3 laps; Palmer and Drobach, 2,457 miles 5 laps.

The best previous record was 2,459 miles 6 laps, made by Miller and Waller in 1899.

The fast pace of the night was steadily maintained during the early hours of the forenoon, and the old record was constantly falling farther and farther behind. At 10 o'clock the leading teams, with Ruth and Stol in the van, were more than 14 miles ahead of the Miller and Waller record of 1899. They had covered 2,508 miles 9 laps against the old record of 2,494 miles 3 laps for 190 hours. There had been no change in the relative positions of the riders at that hour.

U. S. FLEET IN INDIAN OCEAN.

Battleships Will Arrive at Colombo on Sunday.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 12.—The following wireless dispatch has been received from the United States Atlantic battleship fleet: "The fleet at 8 p. m., Dec. 10th, was in latitude 5.25 north, longitude 83.15 east. Will arrive at Colombo at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Perfect weather. Speed 10 knots. The Georgia left the fleet at 10 p. m., Dec. 8th for Colombo at a speed of 14 knots, having on board a case of smallpox, which, however, is not serious. The health of the rest of the men of the fleet is excellent. Fireman Stawickis and Electrician McDonald, of the battleship New Jersey, fell aboard on the evening of Dec. 8th, owing to a defective lifeline. McDonald was recovered, but Stawickis was not recovered, although a thorough search was made for him. Otherwise the trip from Manila has been uneventful. There has been much tactical manoeuvring daily."

AMERICA'S PHILANTHROPIST.

Rockefeller's Will Devotes \$5,000,000 For Education of Oriental Nations.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The Record-Herald says that according to a professor of the University of Chicago, John D. Rockefeller's will, as reported several months ago, devotes \$5,000,000 to the promotion of education in Oriental lands. According to the story, Mr. Rockefeller will first await the reports of Prof. Ernest Burton and Prof. Thos. S. Chamberlin, who have been commissioned to investigate conditions in the Orient. Prof. Burton is now in India, and Prof. Chamberlin and his son Rollin will start for China next month. President Judson of the university refused to confirm the report.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT.

Eight-Year-Old Boy Discharges Winchester in His Companion's Face.

Farnham, Que., Dec. 12.—Alfred Daumay and Eugene Bachand found a Winchester rifle at the home of the former yesterday, and not knowing it was loaded, Daumay discharged it in the face of his companion. The bullet entered his throat and is lodged in the spinal column. Bachand may die. Bachand is eight years old and Daumay about the same age.

B. C. COAST SERVICE

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, DEC. 5th

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Leave Victoria 11:59 p. m. daily; arrive Vancouver 7:00 a. m. daily. Leave Vancouver 1:00 p. m. daily; arrive Victoria 6:00 p. m. daily.

VICTORIA-SEATTLE ROUTE

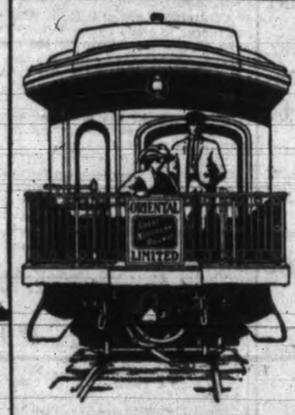
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NEW YORK STOCKS (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing various stocks like Allis-Chalmers, Do. pref., Amer. Copper, etc.

COPPER MARKET (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing copper-related stocks like Adventure, Allouez, Arcadian, etc.

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Silica Brick was the first stock to break into the market on the local exchange, with two sales of 20 and 5 shares, each taking place at \$6.85.

MINING STOCKS (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing mining stocks like Alameda, Copper King, Gerie, etc.

GRAIN MARKET (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing grain prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats, etc.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED Series of Matches Between Teams Has Been Drawn Up.

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VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Table listing Vancouver stocks like American-Canadian Oil, B.C. Copper, etc.

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STATEMENT OF N. Y. CLEARING HOUSE BANKS New York, Dec. 12.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$16,899,825 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule.

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ON VISIT TO CITY.

Joseph Sullivan Returns After Eleven Years' Absence.

Joseph Sullivan, formerly for several years foreman at Weiler Brothers and afterwards salesman for the same firm, returned to the city Thursday after an absence of eleven years, spent in the north. Mr. Sullivan is now foreman of the shops of the White Pass & Yukon railway at Skagway, and will return after spending a month in Victoria. He is staying at the Dominion hotel. Eleven years have made an immense difference to the city of Victoria. The improvements to the thoroughfares and the additional buildings which have been erected in that time have made the city like a different place from what he left eleven years ago.

The next season in Skagway, Mr. Sullivan says, will be better than the last. The White Pass & Yukon railway shops employed about one hundred and fifty men during the season. Through the sale of work held recently by the junior members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the entertainment given by the boys in Christ Church cathedral, the handsome sum of \$184 was realized. One hundred dollars will be used to pay for a horse for Harold Edwards, in his arduous work as a catcher in the neighborhood of Eddy, Alberta, while a handsome monetary donation of \$84 will be presented to Mr. Edwards as a Christmas present from the boys.

THE NEW GRAND

WEEK, 14TH DECEMBER.

PROF. R. A. BOEHLKE Presents the Sensational Novelty, "Cleo," the Eighth Wonder of the World, The Enigma of the Twentieth Century.

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GRAND BALL Will be given in the EMPRESS HOTEL

On Thursday Evening, Jan. 4th, by the Woman's Auxiliary Society of the PROVINCIAL ROYAL JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

In Aid of the Funds of the Society. The patronage of the public is very earnestly solicited for this event. PATRONS: H. Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Lewis Hall, the Premier and Mrs. McBride, Col. Holmes, D. O. C. and Mrs. Holmes, and Officers of Esquimalt Garrison, Capt. Parry, R.N., and Mrs. Parry, and Officers H.M. Navy, Lieut.-Col. Hall and Mrs. Hall, and Officers of the Fifth Regiment. TICKETS, \$2.00. Dancing, 8 p.m.

GRAND CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN BY THE VICTORIA MALE VOICE CHOIR (Numbering 40 Voices) IN INSTITUTE HALL, VIEW STREET.

Monday, December 14th Assisted by the following local artists: Soprano, Miss E. Sehl; Contralto, Miss M. Nyland; Tenor, Mr. Jewelyn Williams; Bass, Mr. R. Morrison; Instrumental Trio, Mrs. H. Young, Messrs. Benedict Bantly, B. Foot; Accompanists: Piano, Mr. W. S. Warwicker; Organ, Mr. A. L. Curtis.

Conductor, J. M. MORGAN. Doors open at 7.45 p. m. Concert at 8.15 p. m. Admission, reserved seats, 75c; unreserved, 50c. Reserved seats at Fletcher Bros' Music Store.

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CRICKET CLUB GIVES ENJOYABLE DANCE

Pleasant Time Spent at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Night.

The dance given by the Victoria Cricket Club in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening was a largely attended and very delightful function. Miss Thain's orchestra was in attendance and furnished a first-class programme of sixteen numbers, all of which were danced most enthusiastically. The floor was in excellent order as a result of the efforts of the committee in charge.

The hostesses were Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. A. E. Irving, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, all of whom were charmingly gowned, and most attentive in looking after the comfort of the guests. Mrs. A. E. Irving wore a most becoming black net gown; Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, very dainty pink; Mrs. T. B. Tye looked very smart in a beautiful pale blue Empire gown with touches of white; and Mrs. George Gillespie was very handsome in a grey gauze trimmed with silver, and pink roses.

The decorations of the hall were carried out most effectively in flags, kindly loaned by Captain Parry, of the Victoria, and by the sailors. The supper room, which was under the special charge of Mrs. J. K. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, presented a very beautiful appearance. Great quantities of dry, sunny, holly and crimson bells decorated the walls and ceilings, while on the table red carnations, holly and drapings of crimson ribbon were used with splendid effect. The centre of attraction on the table, however, was the silver challenge cup won by the Victoria cricketers last summer.

Some very pretty gowns were noticed. Mrs. Gordon Hunter wore a most becoming pale blue, with touches of gold; Miss Paula Irving, white satin with gold bands; Miss B. Mason, white satin; Miss Pitts, white satin trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Judge Lamont, a handsome black; Miss Gillespie, a very dainty and becoming pink silk; the Misses Ellis appeared in pretty white frocks; Miss Pooley, blue and white organdy; Mrs. Bradley, black; Miss Irving, blue silk; Miss Genevieve Irving, white silk; Mrs. Bromley, a lovely rose colored gauze; Miss McKay, a very pretty white brocade; Miss Pooley, white lace; Mrs. Capt. Parry, a pretty blue.

Among those present were noticed: The Misses Koefer, Sell, Gardner, Mason, Mr. Powell, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. Templeton, Misses Helmecken, Wilson, Drake, Judge Fenwick, C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. Colson, the Misses Keast, Ellis, Page, Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D.-York, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Miss Ethel Brown, Capt. and Mrs. Cullen, Hon. E. Dewdney, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dewdney, Miss Blackwood, Mr. Troup, Mr. Monticott, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Rutchart, Messrs. Raymur, Barton, Reddy, Mrs. Cambie, the Misses Lugin, Mrs. Shaw, Messrs. Elson, Jelina, Miss Pooley, Capt. McDonald, Mr. Cambie and many others.

Kindness and courtesy of the Government House party, in making their guests feel at home. Mrs. H. D. Helmecken returned last night from San Francisco by the Umatilla. A. W. McCurdy, who is deeply interested in the marble quarries on Nechka Sound, left on the Tees on a tour of inspection. M. A. Wyde is leaving for the south this evening for a month in the hope of regaining strength. He will take the overland route. R. J. Flaherty, the discoverer of the marble deposits at Tashish Canal, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, in which a local syndicate is interested, has left with an expert to examine the properties. The deposits were described at length in the Times some weeks ago. W. Manson, government agent at Prince Rupert, is in the city. He has come south to confer with the government on matters connected with his office. He will, among other things, discuss with members of the government the proposed street improvements, the expense of which is to be borne jointly by the government and the G. T. P. Mr. Manson will spend Christmas in Nanaimo, and will be present at the golden wedding of his parents in that city in a few days.

THE DIRECTOIRE GOWN. How Paquin Creations are Evolved—Magnificent Models. The reign of the Directoire gown is, says a London Morning Leader correspondent, by no means over, to judge by the display of beautiful models at Paquin's, London, the other day. Mme. Paquin has just returned from Germany, where she was summoned to the Imperial court at Berlin to show the Crown Princess some of her gowns. A number of beautiful models were created for the occasion, and from these the Princess made a large selection. These models have been sent over from Paris to Dover street, London, where Mme. Paquin herself received a crowd of visitors, all eager to see fashion's latest pronouncement. Mme. Paquin, in a marvellous black Directoire gown, moved among her creations. It was explained later that "Madame does not 'design' she 'evolves' her creations. She takes a pair of scissors and a piece of cloth, and immediately the gown is evolved in her quick brain."

The models shown were magnificent in their gorgeous coloring and faultless cut. A Saxe-blue evening gown of chiffon velvet, with a suspicion of white chiffon on the corsage, was most effective; while near by was a charming beige-face cloth Directoire tailor-made coat. There was a dazzling Directoire evening gown, made of shiver-grey mousseline, edged with pink chiffon velvet. The underskirt was of a deep soft pink satin, the whole effect being not unlike old Dresden china. The corsage of a simple satin Directoire evening gown was composed of pink rosebuds, clustering together, while there was quite a suggestion of Cleopatra about a vivid green sequin.

At a banquet given in the Victoria Hotel, and presided over by the Mayor, the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. W. Fraser, of Calgary, who have been spending some time in Victoria, were recent guests in Duncan and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grey, of Seattle, who for the past three weeks has been the guest of friends here, left last evening for Vancouver where they will remain until after Xmas. Mrs. Blackwood, of Linden avenue, was the hostess of the bridge club yesterday afternoon. Her pretty rooms were effectively decorated with white and yellow chrysanthemums. The first prize was won by Mrs. Heisterman and the second by Mrs. Kittle. Great interest is being taken in the Cinderella dance which is to be given at Government House under the auspices of the Daughters of Eliza on the evening of the 24th, Dec. Those who were present at the dance given there under similar auspices last year stated that nothing could have exceeded the

SOCIAL EVENTS

E. P. Auer, of Calgary, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Little, of Rockland avenue, is giving a dance to-night.

Mrs. D. C. Reid has gone for a week's visit to friends in Vancouver.

J. W. Good, of Winalpeg, who is touring the coast, is at present in Victoria.

Miss Flora Evans left last night for an extended visit to friends in Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Porter have returned to Vancouver after a pleasant visit here.

Miss Chatterton, left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

Miss Marguerite Raynton, of Tacoma, is spending a short time with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Shayton and two children of Port Townsend, are spending a few days in town.

Mrs. A. G. King, 1040 Burdette Ave., will not receive again until the second Monday in January, 1909.

Miss Ella, who has been for some weeks a guest of the Misses Kilby, Vancouver, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gresham, who has been visiting friends here, left yesterday, en route for their home in Nelson.

Miss Margaret Fox, who has been making an extended visit with friends here, left recently for her home in Winnipeg.

Mrs. McGregor, of Toronto, accompanied by her two daughters, left this morning en route for the east after a pleasant visit here.

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WHERE WOMEN VOTE. New Zealand's Experience of the Franchise.

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Mr. John R. Wren, late Reeve of Mission City, B.C., is now 66 years of age and tells the following remarkable story: "Some years ago I was given up by the doctors... I was so weak I could not walk across the floor, and was patiently waiting for death... I had paid as much as \$25 a visit for a specialist who said I could not get relief... In this condition I sent for a sample of PSYCHINE... The first night PSYCHINE gave relief... The bleeding of the lungs ceased and in three weeks I was able to walk three miles before 7 o'clock a.m. and take the oversight of a score of men... This was in 1894, just 14 years ago... Since that time Mr. J. Wren has been Reeve of Mission City, and on August 17th, 1908, wrote: I am now in my 66th year and weigh 296 pounds and do considerable business... Last week I travelled 125 miles in a row boat and slept out every night, and felt no bad effects from it... I owe this new lease of life to Dr. T. A. Slocum and his remedies... No wonder Mr. Wren is grateful for PSYCHINE if it transformed him from a weakling into a sturdy, hardy man and this a time of life when most people are expecting the reverse... PSYCHINE is a wonderful tonic and life giving... Living witnesses prove this statement... PSYCHINE cures are permanent... THERE IS LIFE IN EVERY DOSE... We want you to test its power and send for a trial bottle at our expense... Mail coupon to Dr. T. A. Slocum, Limited, 370 Spadina Avenue, Toronto... PSYCHINE is sold by all druggists and stores at 50c and \$1.00 a bottle.



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WESTERN FOLK LORE.

THE STALAKUM OF MOUNT SICKER.

By W. B. Anderson.

That a primitive people, living in wild isolation as were the coast Indians up to a comparatively recent date, should believe in the existence of supernatural beings, goes without saying. Their very surroundings were of a character well calculated to encourage and foster superstition. The deep, sombre forests, the high mountains, the mysterious gorges and the solemn sea forever murmuring and moaning on the rock-bound shores, the vague, mysterious whispering of ungodly Nature heard in such solitude, and the hearing beguils dream.

The spirits supposed to work evil to the race were called by the southern tribes "Stalakum," and were of many kinds and lived in a variety of places. On the high mountains, the deep woods, the remote lakes, in trees, rocks, and deep, still pools. The sea was professedly the home of a highly nervous and frightened state, the result, he told me in answer to my inquiries, of being attracted by two "Menatchee Katakata" (bad birds), as he was driving his sheep home. These birds, he said, had flown at him, snapping their bills, and had tried to seize him with their claws. He averred that owls were "Stalakum," and had they succeeded in reaching him, would have torn his heart out. As it was, he had the greatest difficulty in fighting them off with a stick. He would never after go out alone after dark.

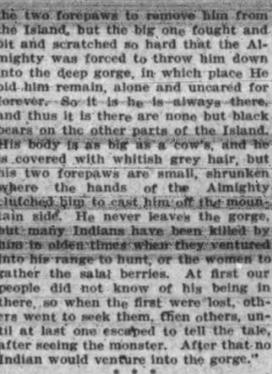
Contrary to this belief, many Northern tribes use the owl as their crest, and this because he is their "tamam-wassa," or guiding spirit, which subject I shall endeavor to deal with later. In certain islands are also looked upon as malignant "Stalakum," they being credited with seeking to prey on a person's vitals. Indians of the southern parts of the Island will never go to sleep on rocks where these reptiles abound, feeling that they will enter the sleeper's open mouth, and crawling down, devour his innards. Persons suffering from consumption are said to be thus afflicted.

Some other birds and beasts were accounted "Stalakum," but besides these there were many of the goblin horde of extraordinary shapes, dwellers in strange places. Between the two contiguous mountains of Prevost and Sicker, in Cowichan and Chemainus districts, there is a deep, gloomy gorge, which, when I last roamed over those mountains, many years ago, was heavily clothed on its sides with large timber. It was an eerie sort of a place, very little game frequenting there, doubtless on account of the deep forest and consequent lack of sunlight, and was just the sort of a place for the weaving of a mystic legend by a superstitious people. Just such a place as they would choose for the hide of game, Pixie, wehrwolf or "Stalakum."

In early days no Indian would enter that gorge, he might hunt the slopes of Prevost, or range the summit of Sicker, but into the gloom of the great ravine he would not go. Curiosity inspired, I asked why. "Stalakum" was the answer. The word was enough; I understood. "Long ago," I went the story. "The Sakhally Tye (the Almighty), picked out all the different animals for the various places. On one mountain He put goats; in other places deer, again in others bears, wolves, and so on with all the animals. Birds He put the same with. High up the topmost mountains of this Island He put the big eagles, which are so rare and valuable to us (the golden eagle), so rare that a man may watch for weeks before he can get one, and which is worth a hundred dollars in blankets to us. On some islands He put the blue grouse, on others the willow, placing the different kinds where best suited.

"He brought bears to this island, and when they were placed here, there was one much bigger than the others, and instead of being black like the rest, he was grey-colored and very savage. So strong was he, and so quarrelsome that the other bears soon feared to go abroad, for no sooner did one of them get a salmon than the big one would pounce on him from ambush, give him a beating, and take the fish for himself. The big one lived by himself on the slopes of Mount Sicker, disdaining the company of his brothers, who haunted the river bottoms, to which he descended only when ravenous for food.

"Things became so bad at last that a council was held, and the Almighty was implored to remove the animal from their peaceful settlement. In response to this, the Almighty appeared, and went up the mountain to the big bear. Finding him, He caught him by



At the Christmas Matinee

MANY CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN SEATTLE

There Will Be Fifty-nine Big Gatherings in That City Next Year.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 11.—Fifty-nine conventions, ranging in size and importance of a reunion of State University graduates to national gatherings of the American Institute of Banking, the National Editorial Association, Epworth League and similar organizations, will be held in Seattle during the summer of 1909. Reports on the expected attendance of delegates and members of the various organizations show fully 85,000 persons will be brought to Seattle next year by these conventions alone. They will begin arriving for national or northwestern meetings in June and throughout the time the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is open the influx of convention attendants will be steady.

- Although based on the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition new round trip rates announced by the Transcontinental Passenger Association will broaden the field from which convention delegates and visitors next year will be drawn. The passenger association announces that a round trip of \$62 would be made from Chicago; \$66.15 from Peoria, and \$68.25 from St. Louis. A 45c rate from St. Paul and common points had been announced previously. The low round trip rates will be applicable after May 25th and tickets will remain on sale until September 30th. The final return limit will be October 31st.
- Following is a list of the conventions to be held here next year which have already been provided: Annual Association of the University of Washington, June, 1909. American Association of Park Superintendents, August 1-15, 1909. American Association of Title men, August, 1909. American Institute of Banking, summer, 1909. American Institute of Electrical Engineers (Seattle section), June, 1909. Ancient Order of United Workmen, Grand Lodge of Washington, July 21-23, 1909. California Promotion Committee, June 15, 1909. Catholic Order of Foresters of State of Washington, June, 1909. Christian Missionary Convention of Western Washington, June, 1909. Decree of Honor (Auxiliary to A. O. U. W.), July 21-23, 1909. Delta Sigma, Delta, summer, 1909. Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan, August, 1909. Constitutional Convention of Washington, July 4, 1909. Epworth League Convention, National, July, 1909. Fraternal Brotherhood, Uniform Rank, July 22-24, 1909. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington, June 23-24, 1909. Grand Commandry Knights Templar of Washington, June 16, 1909. Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, June 15-17, 1909. Idaho State Medical Association, summer, 1909. Independent Order of Buffaloes, summer, 1909. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Sovereign Grand Lodge, National, summer, 1909. Knights of Pythias (Grand Lodge of Washington), August, 1909. National American Woman Suffrage Association, summer, 1909. National Editorial Association, summer, 1909. National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, June, 1909. North Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association, August, 1909. Northwest Music Teachers' Association, summer, 1909. Northwest Branch of American Mining Congress, summer, 1909. Northwest Electric Light and Power Association, September 8, 1909. Norwegian Stengerfest, summer, 1909. Order of Eastern Star (Grand Chapter of Washington), June 27, 1909. Oregon State Medical Society, summer, 1909. Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Association, June 15-17, 1909. Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, about October, 1909. Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen, July 14, 1909. Pacific Northwest Society of Engineers, July, 1909. Photographers' Association of the Pacific Northwest, (not decided). Pioneer Association of the State of Washington, June 8, 1909. Seattle Hebrew Benevolent Association, October 2, 1909. Seattle Volunteer Firemen's Association, June 6, 1909.

SWEDISH-FINISH TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, JULY, 1909.

- United Commercial Travelers (Jurisdiction of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia), June 11-12, 1909. United Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, July 25-31, 1909. Washington Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis (not decided). Washington Bankers' Association, June, 1909. United Amateur Press Association, July, 1909. Washington Children's Home Society, June, 1909. Washington Forestry Association, July, 1909. Washington Society Sons of the Revolution, February 22, 1909. Washington State Association of Postmasters, (not decided). Washington State Dental Society, June or July, 1909. Washington State Elks Reunion Association, July, 1909. Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs, (not decided). Washington State Game and Fish Protective Association, October 5, 1909. Washington State Library Association, (not decided). Washington State Medical Association, July 25, 1909. Washington State Nurses' Association, June, 1909. Washington State Press Association, (not decided). Young Women's Christian Association, January, 1909.

"ENOUGH" IS FATAL

Out of the beginnings of philosophy there came this bit of truth: "If you say you have enough, you perish, always add, always walk, always proceed."

No author of the present day is writing anything that digs deeper into the "why of things" than does that thought. The people who have ceased to "add, walk and proceed" have ceased to be useful to society. The merchant who is satisfied is doomed. The merchant who believes that his business is big enough, useful enough, important enough, is out of the race.

GIRL'S RACE TO SUICIDE

Father Only Fifty Yards Away When She Plunged Into Pit. A dramatic and vain pursuit of a girl determined on suicide was witnessed at Freckleton, near Blackpool. For some months Isabella Harrison, aged twenty-two, daughter of Henry Harrison, farmer, of Page Farm, Freckleton, had been in deplorable health and suffering from religious mania. Her father noticed the girl walking towards a deep pit full of water two hundred yards from the farm. Suspecting her intentions, he set off in pursuit. The girl, however, was only fifty yards from the pond and the father shouted to his son, "Look at our Bella!" Both men ran after her, but the girl reached it first, plunged into the water and was drowned.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Dec. 12-5 a. m.—A storm area of vast dimensions covers the Canadian provinces and is moving southward through the Pacific states. Owing to wire trouble caused by the storm no American reports have been received this morning. Heavy rain has fallen on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. East of the Rockies the weather is chiefly fair and warmer.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 1 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Decreasing westerly winds, unsettled, with rain. Lower Mainland—Moderate or fresh southerly winds, unsettled, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.57; temperature, 48; minimum, 44; wind, 29 miles S. E.; rain, .33; weather, rain. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.60; temperature, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, 1.58; weather, rain. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, 34; minimum, 26; wind, 12 miles N. E.; rain, .61; weather, cloudy.

CLEVELAND'S STREET CLEANING EXPERIENCE

Sanitary Flushing Machine Has Proved Great Success.

When Tom L. Johnson was first elected mayor of Cleveland, O., he thoroughly reorganized all departments, placing competent and reliable men at the head of each. It fell to the lot of Gus J. Hanna to take charge of the cleaning department, says the Canadian Municipal Journal. He found a dirty, unsanitary city and inadequate and antiquated equipment. His first step was to eliminate politics from the department. He gave each man to understand that the only way he could retain his position was by doing an honest day's work, for an attempt to use a political pull would call for his immediate discharge. When he took charge of the department the street cleaning was being done under the contract system, the prices ranging from 90 cents to two dollars per great square. The higher price was only paid at the time of the spring cleaning, when the mud and filth were several inches thick, representing the accumulation of the preceding winter. Even the lowest price was an exorbitant charge and might well be placed in the "grafting" class. Under the contract system the streets were never thoroughly cleaned and the city had long been classed among the dirtiest in the country.

Ready to Take Up the Work.

Although he had obliged the contractors to perform their work more faithfully, a radical change was noticed when the city was enabled to set its own well organized department at work upon the streets. While machine grades and the patrol system were used with good effect early in the reorganization of the department, subsequent experiments demonstrated the advisability of adding twenty-four flushing machines to the organization. Hence, it became necessary to redivide the city, providing for flushing and pick-up districts.

If Mr. Hanna had not been permitted to reorganize his department with regard to the political influence of any of its members, failure instead of success would have crowned his efforts. In no other American city has the value of the elimination of politics from the control and operation of a department been so radical and so favorable. The inspectors and foremen in the department are given police power. They are all uniformed men and when necessary make arrests for the violation of any street ordinance. While the department is not on a civil service basis, it is governed by a set of rules that are founded on Common Sense and Efficiency in service. The violation of any of these rules is followed by a reprimand or a dismissal from the department, according to the flagrancy of the violation. Mr. Hanna is given the power to select and the power of discharging his men without reason, in any civil service regulation, and no amount of political pull can secure the reinstatement of a discharged man.

As a result of this reorganization and equipment of the street cleaning department of Cleveland it can safely be said that it is exceeded in cleanliness by no other American city of any size. This is generally conceded, not only by visitors, but by officials of other cities and those who are experts in civic conditions in America. Mr. Hanna speaks very strongly in favor of the use of the sanitary flushing machine. To quote him exactly, he said: "I believe that the reason why Cleveland has much cleaner streets than the average American city is because it has adopted the flushing, or wet cleaning system. We now have twenty-four flushing wagons and it is altogether likely that some will be added as occasion requires. We find by actual experience that the flushing of streets removes not only the dirt but also the fine dust which ordinarily is blown into buildings. The merchants inform us that prior to the adoption of the flushing system they sustained annually a damage of several thousand dollars to their goods. This, however, is of slight importance as compared with the Health of the Community.

There can be no doubt that the dust from paved streets is laden with disease breeding germs and any system which will remove these or at least reduce them to a minimum is worth a great deal to the inhabitants of any city and should therefore be given as much consideration as is ordinarily given to other sanitary regulations such as a proper sewage system, furnishing of pure water, etc."

Health of the Community.

The average cost of cleaning per square of 16,000 square feet was as follows: For machine sweepers and pick-up gangs, \$0.99. For flushers and pick-up gangs, .47. For "White Wings" or "Blockers," .23.

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One Touch of Christmas Makes the Whole World Kin

The crowded streets, the brilliantly decorated stores, the glowing Xmas Tree, the interchange of gifts and greetings and the services in the churches are the chief features of Christmas observance. One might say that the giving of presents is really the chief feature, for this has become a source of great delight to kind-hearted people who love this great festival because it gives them an opportunity to contribute to the happiness of others—the true joy of giving. To paraphrase Shakespeare, "This one touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin"—makes one almost clairvoyant in knowing the desire of another. Almost instinctively this season we turn our attention to the serviceable offering.

For every housewife there is a "Merry Xmas" in a Gas Range. She will revel in the possession of such a present, appreciating the saving in time, strength and worry, the cleanliness, accuracy and healthfulness of gas for cooking purposes. Henceforth she will have no kindlings to buy, no coal to carry in, no ashes to take out, no blinding, choking smoke in starting wood or coal stove, no blistering heat while cooking and no fear of fire from over-heated flues. Early breakfast will have no terrors for her; just as easy will she be able to get up a late supper for unexpected guests. If she has a dinner to cook which takes hours, she will set the Range right and she will find it hours later just exactly as she left it. Nothing uncertain about a Gas Range; it is as hot at the beginning as it ever gets. What could be better for a Christmas Gift?

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HIGH SCHOOL TO MEET IN BASKETBALL GAME

Victoria and Vancouver Teams Play To-night for Thompson Cup.

To-night at the Assembly rink the Victoria High school basketball five will struggle against the Vancouver High school five to retain the Thompson cup, which represents the school championship of the province in basketball. Victoria won the cup in the game played last year at Vancouver. The match will commence at 8:30 p. m. Victoria High school will be represented by: Guard, W. Shoptand and A. Clarke; centre, N. Spencer; forwards, G. Williscroft and B. Johnson (captain).

Vancouver will be represented by L. Smith, Walter Anderson, Tom Smith, Alfred Banham, Duncan Pembroke.

This afternoon at Oak Bay Seattle and Victoria are playing for the first time in the Pacific coast soccer league. On the result of the game depends Victoria's chance of securing top place in the league. If the local men lose the game they are out of the series. Seattle goes on to Ladysmith team to-morrow.

Victoria and Vancouver hockey teams are matched in the coast league at Brockton point this afternoon in the second game of the season. Victoria men went over confident of a win.

The rugby squad are training at Beacon Hill park this afternoon. Two teams have been drawn. The men are practising a new formation in view of strengthening the team to meet Vancouver in the second match of the McKechnie cup series to be played next Saturday at Vancouver.

Tacoma has written to the league secretary asking for a soccer game. The request was turned over to the Equipment team to handle. Games are wanted Christmas and New Year's days.

Secretary Bonney, of the Pacific coast team has been instructed to ask for a postponement of the P. C. L. match with Nanaimo on Christmas Day on the ground that there will be no E. & N. train service that day. The match will probably be set for a date prior to the commencement of the island league series.

It looks as if the local series will be bunched into the island series through the postponement of local matches owing to the necessity for playing the Pacific coast league games. The local season was to have stopped next Saturday, but there is a month of games ahead which have had to be postponed. The island matches start January 16th. Victoria will finish the

P. C. L. matches New Year's Day at Seattle, but will still have the Nanaimo match to play.

EVERTON HOLDS LEAD IN ENGLISH SOCCER

West Bromwich Albion Still Top of Second Division—No Change in Southern.

Everton, leading the English soccer league, is now 22 points (November 28th), having won ten matches, lost and drawn two. Everton is well ahead in the goal score with 41 for and 19 against. Newcastle United has dropped to third place, while Sheffield Wednesday has slipped past the former second team into second place with 15 matches played, 7 won, 1 lost and 5 drawn; total, 19 points. Newcastle is equal on points, but has played one game more with 8 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses. Manchester United, which for a long time at the beginning of the season was top place, has fallen back to fourth position. Aston Villa is fifth.

West Bromwich Albion has added two points to their lead of the second division, being now 21 points, with 5 wins, 2 losses, 5 drawn games. Birmingham holds second position, 3 points behind the leaders and 1 game less played, while Fulham and Glossop are an even tie for third position, Derby having dropped to sixth place from third.

BASKETBALL

BANKERS BEAT BUSINESS MEN.
The Bankers had an easy win in the basketball game against the Y. M. C. A. business men at the Y. M. C. A. last night, scoring 22 points to 8 scored by the latter. Play was rough at times. Hooley, of the Bankers, played a fine game at forward, and was well assisted by Dixon, who made the most of his height and scored several goals. The Bankers had some system, but the Y. M. C. A. men had none at all and were outclassed. The teams were:
Bankers—Guards, Archbold and Rose; centre, Dixon; forwards, Holden and Harris.
Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Brennan and Isler; centre, Fields; forwards, Young and Burnett.

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WOLGAST HAS BEST OF FIGHT WITH ATTEL

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—A. D. Wolgast, of Milwaukee, outfought Abe Attell, former featherweight champion, before the Pacific Athletic Club last night. The fight went ten rounds with no official decision permitted, under the law, Wolgast rushed the fighting in every round, backing Attell all around the ring, and landing frequent heavy swings to the jaw and stomach that shook the ex-champion severely. The men weighed in at 6 o'clock at 132 pounds. Charley Eytan was referee.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO MEET AT POTSDAM

Official Report of Last Games Gives England the Top Position.

The Olympic international committee, it is announced, will meet at Potsdam next May, to fix the location for the next games to take place in 1912. The invitation to hold the meeting at Potsdam was received by the officials from the Crown Prince of Germany. English papers say the general belief is that the next Olympic games will take place at either Berlin or Stockholm.

The report on the last Olympic games shows there were eighteen branches of sport contested and that Great Britain and Ireland came out on top with a total of 33 firsts, and America second with 22.

- In the department of track and field sports America shows foremost with 15 firsts, and 3 for Great Britain and Ireland. A summary of the list of sports with the points scored by each nation follows:
- 1. Archery—Great Britain and Ireland, 2; France, 1.
 - 2. Athletics, Field—United States of America, 9; Great Britain and Ireland, 3; Sweden, 2.
 - 3. Track—United States of America, 6; Great Britain and Ireland, 4; Canada, 1; South Africa, 1.
 - 4. Boxing—Great Britain and Ireland, 5.
 - 5. Cycling—Great Britain and Ireland, 5; France, 1.
 - 6. Fencing—France, 2; Hungary, 2.
 - 7. Football—Great Britain and Ireland, 1; Australia, 1.
 - 8. Gymnastics—Sweden, 1; Italy, 1.
 - 9. Hockey and Lacrosse—Great Britain and Ireland, 1; Canada, 1.
 - 10. Lawn Tennis—Great Britain and Ireland, 4.
 - 11. Polo—Great Britain, 1.
 - 12. Racquets—Great Britain and Ireland, 2.
 - 13. Rowing—Great Britain and Ireland, 2.
 - 14. Shooting—Great Britain and Ireland, 5; United States of America, 2; Sweden, 1; Canada, 1; Norway, 2; Belgium, 1.
 - 15. Skating—Great Britain and Ireland, 1; Sweden, 1; Germany, 1; Russia, 1.

CHILLIWACK LIGHTED BY ELECTRICITY

Old Blackened Oil Lamps Are Now Things of the Past.

Chilliwack, Dec. 11.—Chilliwack saw for the first time her streets lighted up with electricity on Tuesday evening, December 1st. C. Rummel, manager of the Vancouver Power Company, pressed the button, forty-eight lights of thirty-two candle power have been placed in position. The old blackened oil lamps are now things of the past.

It was hardly to be expected before the completion of the Chilliwack extension of the B. C. Electric that this city would be able to have electric lights, and it was only upon the representations of the mayor and Ald. Jackson to Mr. Buntzen, the managing director of the B. C. E. R., and the local managers, Messrs. Sperring and Glover, upon one of their visits to this city last spring, that it was first thought of. These two members of the council board laid the matter before the officials, and showed where it might be to the advantage of the B. C. E. R. to install a temporary plant until such time as the pole line was completed from Vancouver. Negotiations were at once entered into between the council and Vancouver Power Company, with the result that the company is now under contract with the city to supply lighting for about \$1.95 a night.

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ROBIN HOOD.
Famous Outlaw of Ballads Was Not a Myth, But a Man.
Many famous men have their names linked with Sherwood—King John, the three Edwards, Richard III., Cardinal Wolsey and Charles I.—but the hero of the place, the "genius loci," is Robin Hood.

Some think that the famous outlaw of the ballads was a myth, a mere poetic conception and a creature of the popular mind, but Mr. Hunter, in his research into the person and period of Robin Hood, holds that he was born between 1205 and 1206, living through the reign of the second Edward and into the early years of the third. He was of a family of some station seated near Wakefield, and supported the Earl of Lancaster in his rebellion against the government. When the

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earl fell and his followers were proscribed, Robin Hood took to the woods and supported himself by slaying the wild animals found in the forest and by levying a species of blackmail on passengers along the great road which united London and Berwick. This continued for about twenty months, from April, 1222, to December, 1223, when he fell into the king's power, who, for some unknown reason, not only pardoned him but gave him a place at court. Anyhow, a man of the name of

Robyn Hode was a "cadiet" of the King in 1234.
Dr. Spencer T. Hall says that Robyn was created Earl of Huntington by a London ballad writer hard up for a word to rhyme to Little John. Be this as it may, Robin Hood will always be the hero of romance, and those who love romance will refuse to believe that he never existed.—London Globe.

According to records recently compiled Europe is growing steadily colder.



The Land of Nod with its massive and beautiful stage effects and as presented by a large organization of comedians, singers and dancers will be the attraction at the Victoria theatre on Saturday, December 12th.

This delightful extravaganza furnishes entertainment of the kind which most people thoroughly enjoy. It is full of bright comedy which creates hearty laughter, its music, of which



Dorothy Webb, as Bonnie, and Maurice Darcey, as "The Man in the Moon," in "The Land of Nod," at Victoria Theatre next Saturday.

there is an abundance, is of the spirited, popular kind, and it is all performed by the same clever people who have been identified with the extraordinary success of the production during the three years of its conspicuous prosperity, including its recent New York run. Among these may be mentioned Knox Wilson, William Welp, Maurice Darcey, Adelaide Harland, Grace Drew and Dorothy Webb. The famous



La Lole Helene, as Salome, at Pantages Theatre next week.

barked from the steamer, was careful not to let the valuable instrument out of his hands. His extraordinary care in guarding the seal leather case containing the violin, attracted the attention of one of the United States custom sleuths. He stepped up to the artist and said: "What's in that box?"

"My violin," answered Hartmann. "New or old?" asked Uncle Sam's representative. "Old," was the reply. "Let's see it," came the curt command, and Hartmann opened the case.

The customs official picked up the instrument, turned it around and looked at the faded color of the varnish and worn back and sides of the instrument. Then he sniffed contemptuously, put the violin back in the case and said: "Huh! I should say it is old. I don't think you'll have much trouble bringing that thing in here-free. You know, there's been a lot of smuggling of brand new violins from Germany, and we have to be careful. Excuse me." So saying he passed a satisfactory label on the violin case, and walked away with the conscientiousness of a duty particularly well performed.

Hartmann smiled as he lovingly packed away the \$10,000 "thing" in its silk and velvet wrappings.

Pantages Theatre.
Pantages theatre has arranged for a high class entertainment this coming week. It will be an all-star show with La Lole Helene, a famous dancer in the sensational Salome dance at the head of the list. She appears in "A Vision of Salome," which is highly spoken of.

In addition to this feature there will also be the seven Hawaiians, in costume, singing their weird and harmonious native songs and playing Hawaiian lute, zither, guitar, viola and violin.

The Venetian violin virtuoso Francesca Marraci will give a special recital at each performance, which fact should please every music lover in Victoria.

McCune and Grant are announced as singing and dancing acrobats of the very highest class. Harry De Vera will sing in pictures a pretty song called "Rainbow" and "Old Maid's Inheritance" and "Story of a Foundling" will be portrayed on the biograph.

The New Grand.
The New Grand offers its patrons a fine entertainment next week. At the head will be Prof. R. A. Boehle, who presents a wonderful act depicting the materialization of "Creo," that is undoubtedly as strange and startling as could be imagined. Herr Boehle starts the creation of a woman by taking a tall three legged stool and placing it on a piece of sheet iron, the latter precaution to dispel any doubts as to the floor not being solid. He then places a plaster of paris bust on the top of the tripod and proceeds to decorate it with paint. From an apparent source the form takes life after the dress has been adjusted and presently a woman steps forth. Everyone can positively swear that the heavy stool and bust were not removed, and what became of them is a mystery deep and dark. As a matter of fact, in spite of the confidence with which so many persons presume to solve the illusion, they are in truth all miles from the correct one.

Other fine feature acts will be Phil Staats, pianologist, comedian and composer; Emily Benner, the great female harpist; Chas. Sabine and Mlle. Vera, in their latest success, "Variety"; Holmes and Holliston, in the rural comedy playlet, "Looking for Betsy"; Thos. J. Price, singing the illustrated song, "Looking for Betsy"; new moving pictures entitled "The Gambler's Fate," and as an overture, the new two-step, "A College Yell."

Acts closing to-night are Herbert Cyril, "The English Johnnie"; Blockson and Burns, blackface comedians and burlesque acrobats; John Birch, "The Man With the Hat"; James and Lucia Cooper, "Chattering Chums"; Gus Bruno, dissection, and the illustrated song and moving pictures.

LAND CASE NOW GOES TO PRIVY COUNCIL
Full Court Grants the Appeal of F. Augustus Heinze.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—A number of judgments were rendered by the full court to-day. F. Augustus Heinze, the Seattle millionaire, won and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy lost in the appealed suit over the division of 800,000 acres in the Columbia & Western provincial land grant, a case which the C. P. R. will now carry to the Imperial Privy Council. Justice Clement decided at the trial in favor of the C. P. R., that Heinze must at once select his half of that land grant, but to-day the full court agreed with the contention of Hon. W. J. Bowser, K. C., on behalf of Heinze that under the terms of the agreement by which he sold his line to the C. P. R., he cannot now be forced to submit to a partition of the lands, and that he has several years in which to select his half of the grant. Referring to one phase of the involved case, the chief justice said: "It has been suggested that Heinze is seeking to dodge taxation. Suppose that to be so, that is a matter between the crown and Heinze."

The court also gave the following decisions: Barry vs. Desrochers, appeal allowed; Glazen vs. City of Rossland, appeal dismissed; Anglo-American Lumber Company vs. McLennan, appeal dismissed; Buckworth vs. Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, appeal dismissed; Gordon vs. Horne, appeal allowed; Harrigan vs. Granby Mining & Smelting Company, appeal dismissed; Forrest vs. Smith, appeal allowed; Wilson vs. Ward, appeal allowed; Lilly vs. the Johnston Fisheries Company and A. R. Johnston, written judgment deferred.

The latter is the important case in which the full court a few days ago orally decided that a limited liability company not registered in this province could not make use of our courts to collect an alleged debt, thereby setting aside the judgment of \$10,000 which Lilly & Co., of Seattle, had obtained in the court below and also in Seattle against the Johnston Fisheries Company and A. R. Johnston of Victoria and Nanaimo.

MAY RAISE RIFLE COMPANY
People of Chilliwack Are Taking Steps to Organize Corps.

Chilliwack, Dec. 11.—The people of this valley are again making an effort to have established here a company of two rifles. In a letter received on the subject, Col. Holmes, of Victoria, district officer commanding, speaks most encouragingly. He cannot see any reason why Chilliwack should not be identified with some branch of the drawing up of a petition signed by many of the ratepayers and citizens of the place, who were anxious that a unit should be raised here and also get as many signatures as possible of those who would be willing to join a corps should it be formed. This has been done. Petitions and temporary service rolls have been in circulation and have been signed by a great many of the people.

If the thing is pushed the requisite number of names procured and presented through the member elect for this district there is not a doubt but that it will come. A drill hall has been practically promised, and with the raising of a corps will be built. Then there is the advantage of military training and rifle shooting.

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A half-dollar does about double duty at this "50c. counter," for the values offered run up to the dollar mark, all right. And what a great choice. A popular price and a popular table, without doubt.

- Here is an excellent chance to send some tokens of esteem this Xmas, and for a very moderate outlay, too. Don't let the small price deter you from choosing from this table—the price doesn't represent the values—not much.
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Bygone Days of British Columbia

Some Early Phases of Vancouver City

BY R. E. GOSNELL

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Vancouver is not an old city. It is comparatively new. But it has had its pioneers and its bygone days. The difference between Vancouver and Victoria in that respect is only one of degree; and so I am going to write about some reminiscences of the Terminal City, which though they are not so ancient as some I have given, may be equally interesting. From twenty to twenty-five years ago covers a period which may properly be called its early days. Prior to that we are back in history, in the days of Burrard Inlet in its primeval state and almost solitary grandeur, days when Capt. Stump, R. H. Alexander, Jack Finlay, "Gassy Jack," Jonathan Miller, John Macdonald, Joe Mannion and others I could mention were its pioneers, and when Moodyville, Hastings and Gastown (later Granville), were little more than geographical expressions. I have a good deal of material about these days which I am collecting for future use, but for this issue I wish to confine myself to a few facts about the pioneer life of Vancouver itself, after it really became Vancouver. They do not relate particularly to the coming of the first train or to the fire, both of which have been often and very graphically related in print, but merely to some social phases. At the time of the coming of the first train, Vancouver was simply a little hole cut in the side of a dense forest, gloomy and awesome from the very size and close proximity of big trees—part of a splendid timber limit. One of the first pictures I remember seeing of Vancouver was the stump of a big tree used as a real estate office.

At the time of the fire the opening in the forest had only widened a little more. It was the bush fire eating on its flank that leaped to the wooden buildings and spread like mad over the

Nascent Metropolis

before the scorching breath of a strong wind, overcoming some in their surprise and stupefaction, and racing hard upon the heels of an entire population feeling hither and thither in the frenzy of a great despair. Some got clear away in boats, many others took refuge in the waters of the Inlet of False Creek. Others actually burrowed in holes in the earth. For most people that day it was a hairbreadth escape. It was a holocaust, sudden, sweeping and complete. A sorry spectacle presented itself to the eyes of the homeless population the next day, but not a soul was dismayed or disheartened by the prospect. The ashes were not yet cooled before they were being tramped aside for the foundations of the new city, which were veritably Phoenix-like in its ascent from the earth. Business buildings were rushed together in feverish haste, boards were laid down for sidewalks in rather pell-mell fashion and houses and hotels, airy somewhat and shell-like, were put together as quickly as teams, time and the supply of lumber would permit.

Every man who could drive a nail and use a hand saw and wanted work blossomed into a carpenter. I know of one now wealthy and respected business man of Vancouver, fresh from teaching school in Eastern Canada, who took up a hammer and saw and made his first good money as a carpenter, about the technique of which he knew as much as he did of the drug business which he engaged in immediately afterwards and of which he made a success. Not a few in Vancouver at that time were literally the architects of their own fortune in much the same way. Others dug drains and made excavations. Others tackled clearing streets and lots and a very considerable number of others opened real estate office and sold vacant lots, pursuing eagerly and profitably what was for some time the

Predominant Industry

Vancouver was a lusty infant, a little unkempt, somewhat noisy, and decidedly precocious, and like most youths of its class, its early growth was astonishing. The speculative excitement which accompanied its expansion was only second to that of Winnipeg years before. Real estate men of that period would not acknowledge the existence of speculation in that city. It was never a "boom" with them; it was always a "healthy growth"—the old story. A burned child is not always afraid of the fire, and in those days the men most prominent in the swim were those who had precalculated by stages of repeated adversity from the east to the coast through the prairie boom. Most of them had come, the remnants of the fever still smouldering in their veins to repair their fortunes. Many of them did. When I came to Vancouver over twenty years ago, about every second or third man was a prospective millionaire. The balloon kept steadily going up until about 1882. In 1885, when I left, it had descended to rather earth, weighted down with real estate ballast and "sassy" a millionaire in sight. It had passed through that preliminary period of excitement—a universal experience in the growth of young cities—in which commercial and industrial development had been too heavily discounted by speculative value.

Coming back to our story, as in all new western cities, there was a medley of population. The press of a continent I was going to say, teemed with notices about this new rival to San Francisco of the Pacific coast that was to rise to the north of it—the terminus of a great transcontinental railway, a city of an adian, if not of Imperial, destiny. II Attracted Adventurers

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era of a kind. Very few in the bad sense of that term, but vague seekers after wealth or fame in some form in a place where conventions did not hamper, where we all had a chance to grow up with the country, and where the man with the most hustle "got there" irrespective of class distinctions. The very rawness and raggedness of the city of stumps built into an impenetrable forest of undergrowth and giant trees, together with the romantic environment of sea and mountain, had a charm that Winnipeg in all the glory of its historic and unparalleled boom never in any degree possessed. Here was the

Very Laa West

and the real thing. One could lie down and snore, surrounded by the halo of illimitable possibilities, and die content. The people came from the high-ways and byways of everywhere—not from the slums, hungry, ragged and rapacious, the gathering of human vultures to carrion to prey and be preyed upon—but good fellows, enterprising, promiscuous, it is true, but cosmopolitan; well-natured, prepared for the worse; but hopeful for the better; and speculators; men anxious to build up business from small beginnings, educated men of first families, men of better days, musicians, lawyers, doctors, journalists, ambitious artisans, honest workmen, clerks, people who came as a place of last resort in a career of disappointments; and, of course, a few gamblers and others of that undesirable fringe of society who lived mostly at night and had their habitation mostly on the foreshore, neighboring at times with the Indian rancheries of ancient days already there. Out of all these elements was evolved an organized community of workers, each finding and respecting its own limitations, hoisting its own row and building its own particular cell in a hive of

Expanding Activities.

Something of this state of society I wish to write now.

Vancouver was literally then a city of stumps. Clearing was going on everywhere, on the right of way for street grades and in the logged off lots. The perpetual blasting of powder, for this purpose resembled nothing so much as fusillades of artillery, or the booming of ordnance. In any direction you might take you were apt to be brought to a halt by a warning shout, accompanied by the hoisting of the red flag danger, and then scramble of workmen and "bang," "bang." It sometimes went on by night as well as by day. In the many vacant, unused lots of which, of course, there were fields, nature again began to assert itself in the luxuriant growth of spruce, willow, ferns and many other ambitious forms of flora. Houses were always being built away from the street grades in advance of others, I remember Major Peters in one of his inimitable after-dinner speeches, humorously relate to a very amused gathering his experience in making calls in evening dress guiding his footsteps with a lantern through this maze along dubious footpaths to the residence of friends. He made a happy hit, bringing down the house, by remarking that the ever-present and almost insuperable difficulties of going seemed sometimes to be greatly augmented in attempting to return by the same route later in the evening.

The social elements of Vancouver were much more mixed than now. That is to say, there was a comradere among all classes that does not exist now. A very much larger proportion of the population lived in hotels and boarding houses and "bachelors" and with a great excess of the bachelor and male element generally people of different walks and grades, as conventionally recognized elsewhere, were perforce brought more together in social intercourse. Women, after all, are the great classifiers of society, and unfettered men the levelers. As wives and daughters and sweethearts came west to claim their own, homes were established and then the line of demarcation began to be drawn and the population to segregate and re-form into groups between which, even in this country, is the almost impassable gulf. One all-most years for the "good old times" when the guests of a hotel or a big boarding house in Vancouver were all as of one family and when too discriminating females could not turn up their noses at your male acquaintances. There were

Not Enough Women

at first of any particular class to form a circle of their own to the exclusion of others, so the circle was a pretty wide one. Hotels were not swart affairs then, and men lived in them comfortably and agreeably with their fellows where they would now scorn to sit and commingle. Accommodation then was limited, even if indifferent on the average, that they could not be too particular about their rooms or their boarding houses, their restaurants or their companions. Really we are happier when necessity eliminates social bickerings on the score of equality. By nature every man and woman is a

Lat was free and easy as to manner of living, without undue hilarity or ill-contentousness. There were few restrictions as to hours or days or conduct so far as public houses were concerned. There was a lot of drinking without much open drunkenness. Away from the line of the waterfront there was little of the "tough" element. For a seaport town Vancouver was always orderly and safe. Let it be remembered, however, from the first that the Eastern Canadian moral force was always dominant and churches of all denominations grew up with the other progress, and on Sundays were always well filled. Thus, the moral force, despite the "openness" of the city, prevailed and directed. There was, as I have said, a good deal of drinking, and the saloon was home, because the hotel and the saloon were home and club to so many, and I have no doubt that appetites in this way were acquired that

brought some to low estate, some to death of that hopeful band of bright young men who, for fortune's sake, made Vancouver their home, appetites, which, if unrestrained, so fraught with danger to all of us.

Building Was Rapid and Astonishing.

You looked out of you window in the morning and you saw a house in course of completion you never saw before. Of course, such buildings would not have passed present day inspection, but they met the requirements. I remember the Methodists had a wooden "tabernacle" then far up Homer street. It was announced that Dwight L. Moody had been invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings there. It was obvious that the structure would be totally inadequate, in view of the drawing force of the great preacher, to hold his congregations. The board of management met on Thursday evening to consider the situation, and it was decided to extend the tabernacle sixty feet. The timber was on the ground early Friday morning, and on the following Sunday we were comfortably seated in the new addition listening to Moody's message. I have known houses to have been begun and occupied within the week. No Seattle spirit could beat it.

The main business streets were planked. After a season or two the planks often floated. It once rained thirty days in November, during which the sun never broke through the clouds. Clothes moulded in the closets after a few days, and boots wore a fine coat of fur within a week. I am not now trying to touch on a raw spot of Vancouver's sensibilities, but hastily constructed houses, planked streets and wooden sidewalks, in the conditions referred to, emphasized the domestic and other effects of an unusual and

Protracted Downpour.

I have never said or written an ill-natured word against Vancouver. I am simply writing history. Along with the earliest residents of Vancouver came rats, which had escaped from the ships. They grew and multiplied prodigiously with the rest of the population. Had bubonic plague then reached our shores all the efforts of the board of health could not have saved the city from its ravages. The rats would have carried it everywhere. The shacks on the waterfront, the cellars of warehouses, kitchens, and particularly the sidewalks, afforded them a sure and safe abode. They were overlooked in the census of 1891, but I am certain there must have been a million about 1889 or 1890. Going home from the News-Advertiser late on a clear night it was positively a recreation after a hard day's work to see them dart in and out and gambol on the streets. They seemed to have developed a singular size and hardihood in their new home. If you stood still they would even come up and sniff at your feet, just as tame rats will do. They would even sit on the door-steps and receive visitors.

Vancouver impressed one just fresh from the respectable primness of the East as possessing the genuine atmosphere of the

"Wild and Wolly West."

of which one had read in magazines. I struck it at a particularly wolly and wild time as my first week's experience will show. My first assignment was the police court in the old city hall. The late Magistrate McLean sat in the seat of justice, and Chief Stewart was first in command of the force, a stalwart man, weighing 350 pounds, and some six feet seven from the floor up. Sergeant McLaren was a giant in strength, though less in proportions. John Boulbee and J. J. Blake were there upholding the majesty of the law, pioneer lawyers. The body of the court was filled with swashes and klutchenmen, after a debauch, charged with being "drunk and disorderly," evil smelling and repulsive in every feature, at least to a "chickadee." I thought they were the ugliest human beings I had ever seen. John Clough, looking not a whit different from today, stood sentinel at the door. One after the other was called up, pleaded guilty and was fined. Each was asked as to who supplied him with liquor. The answer was:

"Fort Rupert Charlie."

The Fort Ruperts had the reputation of being the worst tribe on the coast, and Charlie was the worst of his tribe. On coming forward to the bookstand administered the following oath: "The evidence you shall give in this case shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and if you tell a lie, d-n you, I'll put you in the skookum house." No one cracked a smile, and "fut, tut, chief," was the simple remonstrance from the bench. I had been too long in the journalistic campus to be horrified, but I was intensely amused.

The same evening I attended a public dinner. The lacrosse team had been champions of the season and were tendered a banquet in the old Leland, at which the sporting blood of the city was well represented. Liquid refreshment, including Mumm's dry, were plentiful, and after eating, speaking began. As the latter progressed the spirit of the gathering rose and progressed. By the time the "Press" was reached the proceedings had become somewhat tumultuous, and as I rose to respond, half an orange from somewhere was planted square on the bosom of my dress shirt. This was the signal for a general free-exchange of the remaining vitanda, and with young bloods standing on the chairs and table,

Singing and Shouting

and breaking glasses, the gathering dispersed, not wittingly in good order. Next evening there was an indignation meeting in the city hall. James Reid, of Cariboo, had just been appointed to fill a vacancy, and James Codville, well-known in the city then, had been pressing his claims and stated that he had had promises from Sir John Macdonald and was greatly aggrieved,

as well as disappointed, at the promise not having been kept. Indignation meetings were among the common pastimes of Vancouver citizens in those days and the boys urged Codville to air his grievance before the citizens publicly, and they promised to support him. The hall was filled, and the half dozen speakers were those who for many years appeared on the platform on similar occasions. Needless to say, everything was talked about but the senatorship, and various humbugging resolutions were passed. It was a

Screaming, Roaring Farce.

and everybody but the victim of it laughed himself hoarse. On my way from Winnipeg west, I chummed with a little natty, well, somewhat sportily attired, Englishman. In the smoking room he shared with me his best cigars and asked innumerable questions about Canada, and at meals he proffered his wine. Neither asked for the other's name, and we shared no confidences, but his company was most agreeable. I saw him on Friday in Vancouver and ascertained that he was none other than the Marquis of Queensbury, of pugilistic fame, and that evening he refereed a prize fight between the late "Bob" Foster and Clem Austin. It was a breezy but not a sanguinary contest. Hart's opera house, by the way, was the only place of public amusement then. It was a long, low building, lined on the inside with some sort of canvas, presumably to improve the acoustic properties, and had about six inches of sawdust on the floor. It served all purposes, but by courtesy was called "opera" house—not high.

Saturday being the first night of the week there was a fittingly long series of wrestling bouts, the principal of which was between Cameron, the then champion of some part of the continent, and someone else, whose name I have forgotten. Being city editor of the News-Advertiser, I was appointed stakeholder, and drew up the fighting agreement. Such an honor made me feel that for my short residence I was getting well in the swim. By this time I could scarcely analyze my feelings, and was trying to realize the kind of social maelstrom in which I had been engulfed. I was assured, however, that it was quite unusual, that never before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant had so many activities been crowded into one week. It was simply a coincidence that the tide was at its ebb and the town the same time I had, and certainly so far as my knowledge goes has there been such a planetary conjunction of evil influences since.

MAKER OF BALLET.

Death of Madame Katti Lanner, the Empire Producer.

Mme. Katti Lanner, who for sixty years was famous as dancer and teacher, died a few weeks ago at Clapham, London, at the age of seventy-seven. Born in Vienna, she was the daughter of a well-known composer, Joseph Lanner, who was director of Austrian court ball music. She was trained as a dancer under the famous Camille, the Imperial court ballet master, and made her first appearance at the Imperial opera. Her reputation was highly favorable.

After a series of minor engagements in ballet and pantomime she was given the leading parts, and then proceeded to make the tour of the chief Continental towns. Mme. Lanner sustained the principal roles in ballets in almost every principal city in Europe and America, coming at last to London, on the invitation of Colonel Mapleson, and appearing in many ballets as the able successor of Taglioni, Cerito, and other bright particular stars.

At the close of her first London season she went to Baden, where she was honored by Emperor William I. In 1875 she returned to opera at Drury Lane, as ballet directress and premiere danseuse. In the following year she established the National Training School of Dancing, of which a year later she became directress.

When the Empire theatre, London, was opened as a music hall she went there as ballet mistress. In 1878 she was successful as a teacher of dancing, and more than a thousand of her pupils have obtained good engagements in the chief theatres of England and America. Mme. Lanner regarded dancing as the best of all exercises, and she confessed that even at the age of seventy-six she danced every morning.

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The Times Nature Club

Plants are as much alive as you and I are. They live by eating and drinking, and breathing. They have mouths and stomachs in the form of leaves. In the leaves all the material for the building up, or growth of the plant is produced. The material for the smallest rootlets are made up in the leaves and sent down through the plant to the place required. The curious thing about a plant, however, is the fact that it does not drink with the same mouth as that with which it eats. While it eats with the hundreds of little mouths on the under side of the leaves, it drinks with its rootlets, the water being taken up from the ground. Most of the food comes from the air, but the water is needed for digestion just in the same way that we need water to digest our food.

Plants existed long before animals. Animals could not live were it not for plants. For all animals live directly or indirectly upon plants. If the panther catches the squirrel, the squirrel lives upon the nuts so that indirectly the panther lives upon nuts. Every animal gets all its food except water and salt from plants. Plants are the producers while animals are the consumers, therefore all the world should belong to the plants according to the Socialist doctrine. Animals have the same effect upon the plants that fire has. They change the plants back into the same material from which they were made. When plants are burned there is a fire and when they are consumed in the body of an animal there is heat. The plant consumes carbonic acid gas from the air and animals return this carbonic acid gas to the air, at the same time consuming oxygen.

When the carbonic acid gas is taken from the air it is mixed with the water in the upper surface of the leaf. Then it passes farther into the heart of the leaf and is mixed with the green stuff, or chlorophyll and is manufactured into living-tissue for the building up or repair of the plant. On the under side of the leaves are the stomata or mouth-like openings from which the surplus water is evaporated. These stomata have the power of opening and closing so that on very dry days the plant may not be shrivelled up, and on wet days

they may still evaporate a little water. In order that the chlorophyll may properly do its work it is necessary that it have plenty of sunshine. Plants will grow in the shade but even there they get the reflected sunlight. Sunlight causes the chlorophyll to become very active and to set free the oxygen which is contained in it. That is why the leaves are all spread out so that they can catch the carbonic acid gas and at the same time be exposed to the sunlight. The leaves, then, are the stomachs or factories where the whole plant is made. It does not seem any wonder that when they work so hard the leaves need to be renewed so often and that while they are being renewed the tree or plant goes to sleep as it does during the winter.

Now that it is seen that leaves are so important it is no wonder that they are often so well protected. Some are so far from the ground that they are out of danger from browsing animals. The nettle has a sting for protection and the thistle and holly have prickles. Many trees and shrubs, such as the hawthorne and turk have spines for their protection. The cactus too has a very adequate protection as everybody knows. Some leaves are of bitter flavor so that animals will not eat them. All are designed for the best interests of the plant on which they grow.

But, someone asks, how do the trees grow in the spring when there are no leaves to provide material for the plant? All plants provide for this in some way. The majority lay up stock of material beneath the bark so that they will have a store in the spring which is taken up by the sap, or water from the roots and carried to the growing parts until the new leaves are ready to do their work. Other plants such as turnips store up food in the roots; again others such as the onion stores it in the stem. The cactus stores it in the leaves which are really only part of the stem yet doing the work of leaves too.

Leaves then are the most important parts of the plants. Plants that live without leaves such as the mushroom grow as well, or even better, in the dark than in the light. These are parasites or plants which live upon others and do not need to manufacture their own

food. They are without the living green stuff, chlorophyll, which all respectable plants use.

Vancouver Island Bears.
Dear Nature Man: We want to know whether the bears on Vancouver Island go to sleep and as we have so little snow here it does not seem reasonable that they should. Can you tell us your opinion?
R. J.

Victoria West, Dec. 9th.
The bears on Vancouver Island do usually hibernate, so hunters and trappers tell me, although at some places on the coast bears are found at large during the winter months. The theory is that in the warmer districts their habits are intermittent, as they come out now and then during the best weather, and some winters stay out all the time. As a rule the bears seem to leave the coast during mid-winter and if they go to the hills to hole up, it is probably that they remain asleep for two or three months at the least. During October and part of November they feed on the salmon that die on the banks of the streams, but after that they are seldom seen at large.—Editor.)

The Cabbage Thief.
Nanny was not very pretty. Her coat was rough and her beard was long, yet she could hardly be called ugly. She was allowed to run about almost anywhere she wished and sometimes she got into some curious places. One day she was seen standing on the top of a stone wall six feet from the ground and on one occasion she climbed to the top of a neighbor's cowshed.

Twice every day Nanny was milked. It was her mistress's duty to do the milking. Nanny knew exactly the time she was expected for just after the milking was done she always got a nice feed of bran or something that she liked just as well. At seven o'clock every morning and five in the afternoon she came up to the back door of the house, and if the door was shut

sharp look out. Just about ten o'clock as he was thinking of going to bed he took a last look out of the window to see if all was safe in the garden. At that moment something appeared on top of the wall. It was Nanny. She stood there for a few seconds and then dropped among the half grown cauliflower flowers and began to help herself. The man ran out with a stick, but Nanny saw him coming and knowing she was doing wrong made off as fast as possible and did not return that night. Next morning Mr. Smith went to see Nanny's mistress, and after that Nanny had to be chained up all the time except when milking time came, and she was liberated for a few minutes while she went to the kitchen to be milked.

On the Review Table

The Graphic is earning the gratitude of the British nation by an earnest attempt to rescue the boyhood of Britain from the physical and moral deterioration which is so depressingly evident, particularly in the large centres. "Compulsory salvation" is the Graphic's plan. T. H. Manners Howe, who is editing the striking series of articles which appear in the Graphic, is seeking to arouse the nation to the "man-rut" which is setting in. He characterizes many of the proposed remedies as the "quack panoplies of Socialism." Social reform, he holds, must start at the boy, else all remedies for the adult will be futile. He strongly urges an all-round acceptance of the compulsory principle as the fundamental motive power of every true system of evolution. An autograph drawing of His Holiness the Pope, a full page sketch of Lord Roberts deliv-



NANNIE.

she knocked and knocked until someone came to open it. As soon as it was open wide enough she dashed past the person at the door and into the kitchen. There she mounted on a chair and waited until Mrs. Jones came with a basin and nearly filled it with the pure white milk. Then she lingered around waiting for the bran.

This happened every day and for a long time all went well. One morning, however, Mr. Smith, the grocer, who lived a little distance up the road, complained that something had eaten his young cabbage plants. Suspicion rested on Nanny, but no one had seen her doing it. There was a wall around the garden so that cattle could not have broken in.

The next night Mr. Smith kept a

ring his alarmist speech on the German peril in the House of Lords, and illustrations of the attempt on the life of the Premier of Bengal and of other timely subjects, make up a very bright issue of this interesting magazine.

The leading feature of the Christmas number of Westward Ho is a story, "The Lady of the Marmion," by Arthur Davis, of this city. Of course it is a sea story, for sea stories are Mr. Davis' strong line. It is a strong story that rivets the attention and holds it until the end. The theme is a race between two sailing ships from England to San Francisco, but the denouement is wholly unforeseen. The teller is supposed to be standing on Dallas road watching the old ship Marmion come into port, and this calls up the memory of the race and the yarn is then related.

Westward Ho has recently changed hands and editors. William Blake-more was the editor at the time of its inception, but recently more capital was interested in it, a new editor took charge and offices were opened in Montreal. Percy Godenrath still continues in the capacity of president of the company and advertising manager.

Bell & Sons have produced a rare treat for children in their Pinafore picture book, the story of which is told by Sir W. S. Gilbert himself, the illustrations being by Alice B. Woodward. The author explains that he hopes thereby to make children better acquainted with the plot of the play than is possible by following the spoken lines. The illustrations are in color and admirably adorn the text. The book is a capital one for holiday time.

"Pinafore Picture Book, Geo. Bell & Sons, London.

A series of interesting lectures by J. H. Muirhead, professor of philosophy in the University of Birmingham, have been published by Mr. Murray under the title of "The Service of the State." They in turn are based on the political teaching of Thomas Hill Green, one of the brilliant tutors of Oxford, in the seventies. In him were united the idealist, philosopher and the citizen. The four lectures are full of interest to the political student.

"The Service of the State," John Murray, Albemarle street, London.

Readers of the Times will recall the visit to the city of Count Vay de Vaya and Luskod. He was a wide and observant traveler and has recently published "The Inner Life of the United States." Count Vay de Vaya went out to the United States in an emigrant ship, and resided there for some time with a view to studying the social and economic aspects, not only of the lower classes of workers and emigrants, but of all grades of society. He gives in this book a vivid picture of the life which is lived in America to-day, of its strenuousness and strain, of its advantages and disadvantages. His wide experience of many countries

gives him a special claim to be heard on these important subjects. He studied on the spot the sociological conditions of the United States, and he describes as his particular field a study of the "activity, diligence, money-making and spending, thought and intelligence, spiritual aspirations and higher ideals of the country." The Count raises many questions which he leaves the reader largely to answer.

MUTINY IN SPANISH STATE PRISON
Convicts Defend Themselves Behind Barricades—Soldiers Quell Outbreak.

Recently a mutiny broke out among the prisoners in the prison of Granada, in Spain, and was only suppressed after a fierce struggle by the timely intervention of soldiers. At one time it looked as if some hundreds of the criminals might make their escape, for the officials were overpowered. Three warders were got round and they went into one of the cells to inspect it. They were instantly set upon by the prisoners there, who having wounded them, chained them up, and then secured the warders' keys. With these they were able to open all the cells on the slight hundred or more dangerous convicts in the building. These men assembled in the interior court of the prison, but could not regain their liberty owing to the main doorway being secure.

Stabbed an Inspector. As it was, however, ten of the ring-leaders managed to get free by clambering over the roof of an outlying building, and stabbing an inspector who endeavored to intercept them.

Meanwhile the others set about making breaches in different parts of the prison walls; but the sentries saw their intention in time, and opened fire on them, thus preventing a general flight. The prisoners' desperate assault wrecked the interior of the jail. They broke up all the things upon which they could lay hands and that were movable, and formed a great barricade behind which they appeared determined to make a stubborn fight.

Troops Rushed In. At this critical moment the colonel of the Cordoba regiment, with a large body of his soldiers who had been summoned by the sounding of the trumpets by the prison staff, arrived on the scene, and bursting open the main gate they entered the prison enclosure.

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The London Times, on December 4th, published the following from a special correspondent in New York:
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"Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan is probably the greatest collector of things splendid and beautiful and rare who has ever lived. There is no one with whom we can compare him, except, perhaps, Lorenzo de Medici, and he surpasses even that Prince in the catholicity of his taste. But he is like 'Il Magnifico' (how many collectors are unlike him!) in the knowledge he possesses of books and pictures, and prints, and falence, and tapestries; indeed, of every object he collects. And this knowledge is intimate, as any one who has had the extremely rare privilege of being taken by Mr. Morgan through his library in New York, or his art collections in London, will testify. Some of the descriptions of the contents of the London house have been published, but Mr. Morgan's library has long been the despair of American Journalists. The owner's friends have been allowed inside the bronze doors by the sixteenth century and several well-known American and European have been permitted to see some at least of the priceless and exquisite things brought together in that marble palace in East 56th street, which is one of the masterpieces of Charles F. McKim. Mr. Morgan, however, has absolutely refused to allow any general description of his collection of books and manuscripts to be published, and this is only the first article on the subject to appear in print.

A Wonderful Collection.
A very imperfect article it must necessarily be, even to catalogue the most remarkable of the contents of the library would take several pages, and a month would have to be devoted to the inspection of the volumes. Indeed, the impression of absolute bewilderment one obtains on entering the library is intensified the more one sees. Surely never before were so many unique and beautiful and fascinating objects brought together in comparatively small space. This may seem like the language of exaggeration, but read what follows, and then judge. Before going into details, I will mention that the collection includes the Ashburnham Gospels and other of the most renowned bindings—relics of the dark ages, when books were few and fine—in existence; the Golden Gospels of Henry VIII, the "Naples Offices" of Giulio Clovio, and many other celebrated illuminated manuscripts; Caxton's and other incunabula that not even the British Museum can match; an amazing collection of volumes once owned by famous persons; almost the only manuscripts of Byron known to exist; Blake's original drawings for "Book of Job"; the originals of Horace Walpole's letters, the original drawings for the "Pickwick Papers"; the manuscript of "Endymion"; Shelley's note-book; the manuscripts and drawings of "Tribby" and "Peter Iberville"; Cornwallis' Terms of Surrender; letters of St. Francis de Sales and other Saints; the originals of many of Burns' poems; manuscripts by Dr. Johnson; the manuscript of "A Christmas Carol"; and ten volumes of Dickens' letters; manuscripts of Swift; the earliest letter of Napoleon in existence; Scott's diary, and manuscripts of nine of his novels, including "Robinson Crusoe"; manuscripts of masterpieces of Dumas, Charlotte Bronte, George Sand, Reade, Lytton, and Zola; the manuscript of "Vanilla Fair"; many letters of Lamb; Mary Stuart's letter to the Duc de Guise and Martha Washington's will. And this is not even an outline. I have simply enumerated, haphazard, a few of the things that happen to remain in my memory. Others, as precious, will be referred to afterwards. Surely when I saw these things, my bewilderment was natural.

An Ideal Library.
"And yet it is not bewildering that is the very first impression one receives. It is, rather, the conviction that here, at last, is the ideal library, the ideal setting for noble books. One passes through the Italian bronze doors into a lofty hall of forest marble, and then into an apartment as lofty, the walls of which glow from floor to ceiling with the unique splendor that only volumes in fine binding provide. There are two galleries round the room, each as high as an ordinary apartment, reached by hidden stairways. In the middle of the room is a glass table-cabinet, in which are some volumes bound in gold and enamel and ivory and set with gems. Volumes that glitter in the soft light that streams through ancient painted glass. On one of them, a great glowing mosaic of gems and precious metal, translucent emerald, and crimson, and pearl, and gold, the eye, fascinated, lingers, and then it passes to a splendid Florentine portrait of a King, and then to a wonderful old Persian fireplace, and then to some green Florentine tapestry, and then to furniture adorned with that rich crimson that Genoa and Venice

loved. From this room one goes into another, not so large, but even more exquisite in its appointments and decorations. The walls are of crimson tapestry, with the Chigi arms, and on the low book-cases are marbles and bronzes and terra-cottas, falence, and France and Italy, enamels of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. The ceiling is a marvelous piece of Renaissance work from the Aldobrandini Palace at Venice, and the fireplace is of carved marble of about 1600. In the centre table stands a bronze vessel of ancient Roman workmanship.

"Yes, the first idea one obtains is that here is the perfect library, a perfect place for study and for rest. The Ancients," says Gabriel Naude, as interpreted by Evelyn, "have been more prodigal than we; for let us first of all consider what the structure and building of their libraries were; Ialdorus will tell us, that they were all paved with Serpentine marble, and the roof overlaid with gold. Besides, their walls were lined with glass and ivory; Seneca, that the presses and desks were of ebony and cedar. If we enquire what rare and exquisite things they put into them; both the Plinius, Sueton, Martial and Vopiscus, will testify through all their works that they spared neither gold nor silver to decorate them with the images, and lively statues of all the gallant and great men of their age, which he calls 'miniarde and superlativ', but he adds that 'we ought to choose and draw out of these extremes that which is requisite for a library.' This Mr. Morgan has done, so that it is no impression of ostentation that one obtains on entering, but one of exquisite peaceful chambers, in which a man superlatively fortunate may pass his hours divinely.

Rooms Filled With Treasures.
"It is when one asks what is that gorgeous jeweled volume in its crystal case and learns that it is the Ashburnham Gospels, and one takes up any other book at random and finds something that would give distinction to the ordinary collection, and one discovers that the beginning of the collection, and that there are others, all filled with treasures; and one finds that each ancient manuscript, with its 'burnished field of radiant nimbus,' is famed throughout the world of art, and each marble or terra-cotta the work of Verrocchio or a Luca della Robbia, and that the bronze in the smaller room is the world-celebrated statue of St. Peter, and each bit of pottery a masterpiece from Urbino or Castel Durante—it is then that one commences to realize what it all means; that each tiny pencil of color around and above is a precious volume, that here in this little gem of a palace, are assembled such treasures as no collector before has ever dreamed of gathering together, that here the purity of time are indeed given back to us, when then one begins to be overcome by that bewilderment of which I spoke."

But to describe what I saw with some attempt at proper sequence. The exterior of the library is by now familiar to New York. It is a white marble thoroughfare, with a beautifully sculptured frieze, and the purity of its classical design and its delicacy of detail is one of the best things Mr. McKim has ever accomplished. The marble forms a beautiful setting for the bronze doors, which, in the opinion of many experts, are as fine in workmanship as those of the Baptistery at Florence. The hall, which one first enters is of great beauty, making a wonderful contrast to the walls of white marble and mosaic, the color being chiefly confined to the ceiling, which is painted by Mr. Siddons Mowbray. The most conspicuous object in the hall is a bronze bust of the Marquis de Pescara, wearing the Golden Fleece, a work the best of the school of Benvenuto Cellini. Dark inlaid coffers which Mr. Morgan recently withdrew from the South Kensington Museum heighten the effect. As an indication of the extraordinary care he takes to obtain perfection of detail, it may be mentioned that some elaborate bronze work which was originally placed in the hall has all been sacrificed because it was felt that it was out of place.

"After passing through the hall, the first apartment I entered was the great East Room, which I have already to some extent described. With the exception of the jeweled volumes in the glass case, the room is devoted entirely to the Morgan collection. Historical collections, and first editions of English books, the Ashburnham Gospels, of course, needs no mention; it is one of the world's treasures. But there is another binding in the same case which is not so well known, and seems to me quite as interesting. It is a Flemish Liber De metalum in vellum, and the cover is of billows work set with amethysts, garnets, crystals, and ancient intaglios. In the centre is an ivory of the thirteenth century representing the Virgin reclining. This is surrounded with panels of cloisonne. The richness of this binding is indescribable, and the employment of intaglios for such a purpose is, so far as I know, unique. These jewels are identically ancient, and appear to be of the best Greek period.

"And now, as I began to attempt even the roughest description of some of the things I saw, I find myself frightened by the task. Mention any class of rare and desirable volume in which you are interested. Aldines? There are twenty-one shelves of them in the finest collection in existence. Are you old-fashioned enough to care for Elzevir's Seven shelves, containing practically every rare Elzevir known, all 'tall and in perfect condition. One could imagine Charles Nord, or even Pixerot, seeing this collection and selling their own books in disgust.
In dismal nooks he loves to pry. Who, in motto, efferre me Spes! But ah! the fabled treasure fees; Grown rarer with the fleeting years, In rich men's shelves they take their ease—Aldines, Bodonis, Elzevri! Thirty shelves of Bibles.
"Is it Bibles that attract you? There are thirty shelves of them—two Gutenberg (Mazarins), one on paper, the other on vellum; the Hebrew Bible of 1482; all the English Bibles from the Coverdale onwards; Bibles owned by celebrated personages, such as Colbert's (in thirty-two volumes, with the statesman's arms on the cover); Time, de Maintenon's, Sir Walter Scott's, Bibles in Icelandic and other

strange tongues; a set of the Gospels in ten volumes, exquisitely bound by Padeloup. Turn from the Bibles and the Elzevir, Pastissier Francois and the Aldine Hypnerotomachia Poliphili to the other side of the room. Are you interested in Caxton's and Wymkyn-de-Worde's? Here are two scores of them, including several that are unique. Are you attracted by Elizabethan and Jacobean first editions? Practically everything is here in Shakespeare, Milton, and Spenser, Milton, Sidney, Spenser, Johnson, Drayton, Sir Thomas Browne, Marvell, Waller, Burton, hundreds of others. And the quaint things, "things" dear that do not die," are here, too, from the Elizabethan curiosities to the book of the Duchess beloved by Lamb, that "fluent and rare mixture of love and wit." All the famous printers are represented by magnificent volumes, often in bindings by masters.

"The books are all on glass shelves, but are not enclosed in glass, the only protection being a light ornamental grille which permits one to read the titles with ease. Some of the most precious volumes are in asbestos-lined cases, and as the building itself is believed to be absolutely fire-proof, there seems little likelihood of disaster. In the case of the most valuable books of all, a still more elaborate precaution has been adopted, which will be described further on.
"More precious even than the Shakespeare quartos and the other treasures of this wonderful hall? the reader will exclaim. Certainly, the contents of the large room are merely, as it were, the groundwork of the collection. We shall proceed to the smaller of the rooms that I mentioned in my general appearance of the library room. It is a general appearance I have already described, but it should be added that painted glass adds greatly to the effect of the apartment. Stained glass was a hobby of Mr. Morgan's before almost anything else, and the glass in the library is the result of years of collecting. Every scrap of it is old, mostly Swiss and German, and the windows have been made up with remarkable skill.

Valuable Art Treasures.
"A promising place in the library room is taken up by a 'Madonna' by Francia. Another object that stands out is the wall-knobby marble bust of one of the Strozzi women by Diadeterio de Settignano, while an exquisite terra-cotta by Verrocchio adorns another side of the room. On the lower side of the room, there are many brilliant pieces of Italian pottery, including some of the descent Gubbio ware. In this room are Mr. Morgan's French books, many of his books bound by celebrated binders, and books that belonged to notable personages. In one book-case, for instance, are first editions of every one of Moliere's works—those little volumes which possess an inexplicable charm for most collectors and about which so many pretty and graceful things have been written. I took down one or two at random, and found the "Medecin Malgre Lui" and the "Malade Imaginaire," here are also full sets of first editions of Corneille, Racine, and other authors. A unique advance impression of "Le Cid" is one of the "items," as the bookshelves say, of the collection.

"And now we come to the most charming collection of all the books that once were owned by Kings, and Queens, and Princesses, statesmen, Court beauties, great saints and sinners, famous collectors of old days. Where are the secrets it knew? Weavings of plot and of plan? One asks on finding an "Heure de Notre Dame" covered with death's heads, bound for that picturesque personage, Henri III. Here are volumes that belong to "Grallie," "Coche," and "Loque," poor Adelaide in red, Victorine in olive, Sophie in citron. The Princesses' dainty little booklets are in some of the volumes. Mme. de Pompadour is of course represented, while there are fifteen classical works bound for Marguerite de Valois by Clovis Eve. One charming and unique little book was bound for Henry VIII, and Catherine of Aragon, Malouin's and Grolier's libraries have given many books for the Morgan collection, as have also Canevari's and "stately De Thou's," while Richelieu's arms are to be found on two or three volumes. The works of Longepierre on still others. The works of the great binders are naturally placed near the books that famous (and infamous) persons owned—the two bibliographical excellencies are so often combined, the result of which is the "best." Practically every master of the binder's art is represented.

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Among the Churches

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord.
 Bishop Criddle's Birthday.—On Thursday next Bishop Criddle will be receiving the congratulations of his many friends on reaching the 51st anniversary of his birth. It is remarkable how well the Bishop is keeping, for while he does not find it advisable to go out very much he is able to be around and take an interest in the events of the day. The story of Bishop Criddle's life is so intimately associated with the growth and development of Victoria that he seems to belong to all denominations, and the many friends outside of his own church will unite in wishing him "every good and perfect gift" which the Father of all can bestow upon him.

Sunday Sermon.—The pastor, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, will preach to-morrow morning on the subject, "The Ministry and Christ's Coming," and the evening on "Why Christ Came—for Judgment."

CONGREGATIONAL

First.
 Missionary Lecture.—There was a large attendance on Thursday evening to hear the lecture given by A. T. Frampton on "Child Life in Heathen Lands." The pictures shown were enjoyed not only by the number of children present, but also by the older folks as well, and the lecture itself gave insight into the life of other people that was a true missionary education.

Dunstan Lecture.—The Young People's Society will merge their literary meeting in the lecture to be given by Rev. F. Tremayne Dunstan on Monday evening. Mr. Dunstan needs no introduction to a Victoria audience, and his fame as a lecturer is such that it is only necessary to mention time and place for a crowd to gather. But when the title of the lecture is added then one realizes that a special treat is in store. Mr. Dunstan will lecture on "Cecil Rhodes, Empire Builder, by One Who Knows." The lecture will be entertaining as well as instructive, and the church should be well filled to hear it.

Justice Singers.—The Wabbits Jubilee Singers will give a concert in the Congregational church next Saturday evening. These singers have obtained an enviable reputation as exponents of Southern melodies and wherever they have been they have been delighted audiences which have been delighted with the music rendered. They come to Victoria very highly recommended, and the concert of next Saturday will be a real treat of Southern music.

To-morrow's Service.—To-morrow evening the pastor, Rev. H. A. Carson, will preach on "Some Characters Whom I Have Met."

METHODIST

Metropolitan.
 Young Women's Club.—There was a splendid attendance of members of the Metropolitan Young Women's Club at the regular meeting held last Wednesday, and the young ladies were delighted with the address on "Invalid Cookery" given by Miss Hall. Much valuable information was imparted in a pleasing manner. The club will meet next Wednesday evening. They come after, and a pastime of a very practical kind will be held. The members are asked to bring some useful article of clothing or serviceable gift that will be distributed to the poor of the city to help brighten the coming Christmas season. The young ladies also decided to undertake the decoration of the church and their efforts in Christmas services and their efforts to make the edifice exceedingly attractive for the special Christmas services of December 20th.

A Nautical Event.—Next Friday afternoon and evening the members of Mrs. Armon's Bible class, assisted by former members, will give a sale of work and ship social in the school room. The nautical items will be fitted in every detail. The room will be fitted up as a ship and all the decorations will remind one of a sea voyage. The sale of the cargo will commence at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at four o'clock (p. m.) the captain and all hands will be ready to dispense the ship's delicacies to their friends and visitors at a mere nominal cost. At eight o'clock (p. m.) a nautical programme will be rendered by members of the class which promises to be a rich treat in the way of entertainment. The proceeds of the day will be devoted to the cause of missions and the class is expecting that the members of the congregation will rally to their support and assist them by their presence and cheer.

Christmas Entertainment.—The Spring Ridge Sunday school will hold their usual entertainment for the holiday season on Wednesday, December 20th. The scholars are busy making every effort to ensure the success of the event, and an excellent programme may be looked for.

Bible Class.—The executive committee of the Bible class, led by Rev. G. W. Dean, are making efforts to secure a larger attendance each Sunday afternoon. A circular letter has been sent out with the purpose of getting those who do not now attend any Bible class to become regular attendants upon the Metropolitan class. The committee feel that in Mr. Dean they have a teacher that is well worthy of a very large class as his ability to lead in Bible study is of an exceptional character. The class meets every Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the church, and all who are not at present attending any class will be made heartily welcome.

Sunday Service.—The pastor, Rev. T. E. Helling, will preach a special sermon to-morrow evening on "The Virgin Mary." This will be in preparation for the advent sermons of the following Sunday.

Christmas Music.—Choirmaster Bethune is anticipating a special musical treat for Christmas Sunday, December 20th. The choir has lately been augmented in numbers and many expressions of pleasure were heard regarding the manner in which the choir rendered the chorus from "Händel's" "Crescendo." "The Heavens are Telling," last Sunday evening. They have in preparation a number of selections from "The Messiah" for 8th day week, and

soon James's meeting will be addressed by James Meyer, who has been a missionary in China, and a subject for fifteen years. He has an interesting story to tell and the young men will have a rare treat at their meeting.

Salvation Army.
 Band Sunday.—Meetings at the Salvation Army hall, Broad street, will be held as follows: 11 a. m., holiness meeting; 2 p. m., praise meeting; 7:30 p. m., salvation meeting. The band will be heard Sunday, the band taking charge of the services. The band numbers twenty-three at present. Many of the members have had a wide experience. All give their services free.

Centennial.
 Men's Bible Class.—Mr. Parsons' men's class held their annual business meeting at the parlourage last Wednesday and the reports showed that excellent work has been done. The class started the year with a membership of twelve, and now report twenty-eight on the roll. They have undertaken special missionary work and each member is promising a certain amount each month for the cause of missions. In this way they hope to give a substantial amount towards the forward movement for missions. The officers of the class that were elected last Wednesday are as follows: President, Fred Jeanes; vice-president, John K. Thompson; secretary, Stanley Young; treasurer, Frank W. Adams. At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. and Miss Thompson and Miss Gregg served refreshments. A friend of the adult Bible class movement has promised to donate a big turkey for the class banquet, provided the membership reached fifty by the end of December.

Women's Class.—Mrs. Jennings has been chosen teacher of the women's Bible class, which meets at the same time as the Sunday school session each Sunday afternoon. Since the commencement of the class a few weeks ago much interest has been taken by the ladies of the church and the class is growing in numbers. All ladies of the congregation will be made heartily welcome by Mrs. Jennings and the officers of the class.

Sunday Services.—Owing to the pastor's absence at Sidney to-morrow, where he is preaching missionary sermons, the pulpit will be occupied by Rev. F. Letts in the morning and Rev. A. E. Roberts in the evening.

Missionary Lectures.—The congregation are looking forward to the missionary lectures to be given by A. T. Frampton to-morrow evening. The lecture has been well received wherever it has been given and the many slides illustrating "Child Life in Heathen Lands" are of a most interesting nature. W. M. Ritchie will handle the lantern and the congregation are assured of a clear picture and of a good size. The lecture will be given at 7 o'clock. The usual collection will be taken.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Church.
 Rev. Dr. Campbell.—The pastor's many friends are glad to know that he is making a quick recovery from the attack of muscular rheumatism, which prevented him taking the services of last Sunday. He will occupy the pulpit to-morrow, preaching both morning and evening.

Pre-Communion Service.—The pre-Communion service, which was announced to be held last Thursday, was postponed until next week and will be held on Thursday evening. On the following Sunday morning the quarterly communion service will be held and the right hand of fellowship given to those uniting with the church.

St. Andrew's.
 Communion Service.—The quarterly communion service will be held to-morrow morning at the close of the regular church service.

The Fifth Commandment.—Rev. W. Leslie Clay will preach on the Fifth Commandment to-morrow evening. This is in the course of sermons on the Commandments which Mr. Clay is at present delivering, and which is arousing a good deal of interest of the part of the congregation.

Lecture on Scotland.—Next Wednesday evening Rev. Mr. Clay will give the second of his lectures on his recent tour through Europe. The subject for the lecture will be "Scotland, the land of Burns and Bruce and Wallace, the O'Shanter." The lecture will be illustrated by a number of excellent photos which Mr. Clay brought with him from Scotland, and will prove of rich interest, not only to the numerous Scotchmen of the city, but also to all who admire that country which has produced so many great men. There should be a very large audience to hear the lecture, as Mr. Clay used eye and ear in a manner to enable him to impart much information and to give much enjoyment. A treat is in store for those who attend next Wednesday's lecture.

BAPTIST

Growing Congregations.—Last Sunday Pastor Tapscott concluded a series of sermons on "Eternal Sin," which have taken hold of the thought of the congregation to marked degree. The numbers attending the services are steadily growing, and last Sunday the Sunday school was also passed the 100 mark and is still increasing. The school has adopted the Bible Union's lessons, until lately known as the Blakeless course. This is an inductive course of study covering the whole range of the Bible. The series now being studied is in "The Life of Christ." The B. U. P. U. is also studying the same course and there is, therefore, continuity in the matter of Bible study, which touches the whole congregation.

To-morrow's Sermons.—The pastor, Rev. F. T. Tapscott, will preach on the "Death of John the Baptist." In the morning the historical part of the subject will be dealt with, and in the evening the lessons to be drawn from the incident.

Y. M. C. A.

Oyster Supper.—As a climax to the very successful junior membership contest the boys were entertained at an oyster supper last Thursday. There was a hearty lot of boys present, and the oysters disappeared in a style which spoke volumes for the ability of the cook and the quality of the oysters. The boys' department is now in full running order, and the junior members have very cosy quarters which they call their own. Mr. Jones, the boys' secretary, has settled down to work and is an invaluable assistant to General Secretary Bruce.

Men's Meeting.—The Sunday gathering of James's meeting will be addressed by James Meyer, who has been a missionary in China, and a subject for fifteen years. He has an interesting story to tell and the young men will have a rare treat at their meeting.

VICTORIA'S CLAIM TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

Rev. A. E. Roberts Urges Methodist Body to Meet Here.

Among those who are endeavoring to have the Methodist general conference with its hundreds of delegates from all parts of Canada visit Victoria in 1910, none are more zealous than Rev. A. E. Roberts of Victoria West, the secretary of the British Columbia Methodist conference. Rev. Mr. Roberts has, through the organs of the church, presented the claims of Victoria to the conference on several occasions. His latest contribution to the Christian Guardian on the subject is as follows: "When the general board of missions met in Vancouver, Victoria sent a deputation in the person of its mayor, Dr. Lewis Hall, to interview the members of the general conference special committee, who happened to be in attendance at the general board, regarding the invitation issued by the British Columbia conference, and the Victoria Tourist Association, backed up by the city council and leading business men of the city of Victoria, for the general conference of 1910 to be held in this city."

Perhaps at this time it will not be amiss to show why the men of British Columbia are so anxious for the general conference to accept its earnest heartfelt invitation. In the first place no more beautiful spot can be found in the Dominion of Canada than the city of Victoria and surrounding country. And this is said without any thought of befitting the beauty of the wonderful spot of nature that abound in this magnificent Dominion which the God of Nature has given to Canadians to hold, and to use, in trust for Him. But the statement is made upon the authority of the great majority of tourists and travellers who have visited the "Ever Green City of Canada," as it has been called. "Victoria has the most sunshine, the least rainfall; the coolest summer and the warmest winter temperature north of San Francisco. It has the reputation of being the most beautifully situated city in the world." So says one of the many pamphlets issued by the Tourist Association to send to all parts of the continent.

But the natural advantages of the city constitute the very best of the reasons why the British Columbia conference want the general conference of 1910 to come west.

There are many problems of our missionary work which the pioneers have struggled with since the early days of the province and with only an occasional visit from one or two of the leaders of our church. And these problems are being forced upon us by the increasing strength and numbers. The Hindu, the Chinaman, the Jap, have all brought to us difficulties which a church must face; and there never was a time when the two last mentioned races desired so much to know the Christian's way of living and the Christian's truths. Our high schools in Vancouver and Victoria are crowded with those who wish to learn, and not only learn to read and write, but also to learn the way of salvation. It would be a good object lesson for the members of the general conference to spend two or three evenings in the "precious work" of our missions. The missionaries in charge would give them a hearty welcome and would set them to work as they do all volunteers who come to the missions.

The rapid increase of the population of British Columbia and the imperative necessity for advanced movements by all our church agencies give an additional reason why our church legislators should come to the Pacific coast for their next meeting. The past two quadrenniums have belonged to the Middle West and the Methodist church was ready for her opportunity there because the general conference of 1902 met in Winnipeg, and leading members of the conference took the opportunity to become acquainted with the conditions of affairs at first hand. The next two quadrenniums will belong to the advent of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and amidst many branches, new valleys will be opened up for the settler, as large, and larger, than the famous Okanagan. The many industries of the Pacific coast will receive an impetus that will mean the employment of thousands of men and the building of new towns and cities. Let the general conference meet for once where the northern seas meet being tangible evidence of their wealth to the delegates and where the Pacific ocean will sing to them a song of missionary enterprise as its rolling surf thunders at the base of the very road upon which they are taking an auto-motive ride. The commerce and the poetry of the western seas call our church to increase activity in this western province and unless we are now preparing ourselves for the great work we shall miserably fall when the time comes for the hand to hand conflict. The forces of evil are marshalling to hold this province in their grasp, the forces of good must concentrate and be prepared to spend time and energy and money in the salvation of the fairest and richest province in the whole Dominion. The best way to learn is by experience. Let the general conference delegates spend three weeks in the atmosphere that British Columbians breathe and they, too, will catch something of the anxiety workers in the West have regarding the great forward movement the church must take in the near future.

Just now it was hinted that mission-

CITY CHURCHES

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ANGELICAN

Christ Church Cathedral. Burdette avenue. The services for the day are: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; morning service and litany, 11 a. m.; children's service, 1:30 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m. The music follows: Morning.

Venite Cathedral Psalter
 Te Deum Russell
 Benedictus Barney
 Hymns 26, 49 and 41

ProceSSIONAL Hymn
 Psalms Cathedral Psalter
 Magnificat Goss
 Nunc Dimittis Garrett
 Anthem—God, My King Bach
 Hymns 33 and 41
 Vesper Hymns Armitage
 Recessional Hymn
 Evening.

St. John's. corner of Douglas street and Fisgard street. Preachers: Morning, Rev. Percival Jegan, the rector; evening, Rev. Mrs. J. J. Jegan, subject, "The Question of a Prisoner." The music follows: Morning.

Organ Voluntary Turle
 Venite Cathedral Psalter
 Te Deum Cathedral Psalter
 Benedictus Stainer
 Hymns Cussey
 Litany 49 and 29
 Recessional Hymn
 Organ Voluntary Evening.

St. Barnabas. corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue. There will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 a. m., choral matins and litany at 11 a. m., choral 2 p. m. The rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher. The day, taking for his subject at the morning service, "The Ministry of the Ordination," and at evening, "The Ministry of the New Testament." All seats are free and unappropriated. The musical arrangements are as follows: Morning.

Organ—Overture, Messiah Handel
 Venite and Psalms Cathedral Psalter
 Benedictus Spilmer in a Flat
 Hymns 54, 46 and 41
 Offertory Anthem Pittagorah
 Organ—The Lord Gave the Word Handel
 Evening.

St. James. Quebec street, corner of St. John. Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins, litany and sermon at 11; evening and sermon at 7. The following is the music: Morning.

Organ—Prelude J. W. Elliott
 Venite and Psalms Cathedral Psalter
 Te Deum—XI Mercer
 Benedictus—XII Mercer
 Hymns—Xo Servants of the Lord
 Hymn—The Kingdom of God
 Hymn—Leader of Faithful Souls
 Organ—Postlude J. W. Elliott
 Evening.

Anglican Mission Sunday school. Oak Bay district, Esol Bay road schoolhouse, every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL
 Church of Our Lord, Humboldt street. Morning prayer and litany at 11; evening prayer at 7. Sermons at both services by Rev. T. W. Gladstone. Morning subject, "The Ministry of Christ's Coming"; evening, "Why Christ Came—for Judgment." Thursday evening service at 8. Saturday prayer meeting 5 to 6. The music follows: Morning.

Organ—Prelude J. W. Elliott
 Venite and Psalms Cathedral Psalter
 Te Deum—XI Mercer
 Benedictus—XII Mercer
 Hymns—Xo Servants of the Lord
 Hymn—The Kingdom of God
 Hymn—Leader of Faithful Souls
 Organ—Postlude J. W. Elliott
 Evening.

CONGREGATIONAL
 First, corner of Pandora avenue and Blanchard street. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Harman A. Carson, R. A., will preach. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Elemental Forces Motivating Life," evening theme, "Some Characters Whom I Have Met." Bible school and men's own Bible class, also adult Bible class for women at 1:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor at 10 a. m. Monday, at 8 p. m. V. P. meeting omitted in favor of Rev. E. Tremayne Dunstan's lecture, "Cecil Rhodes, the Empire Builder." Thursday prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Visitors and strangers are cordially welcomed.

METHODIST
 Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, T. E. Helling, R. A. Services: 10 a. m. class meeting; 11 a. m. Morning. The Baptist: Preacher, Rev. T. E. Helling, R. A. Metro-politan Sabbath school, 2:30 p. m. Spring Ridge Sabbath school, 1:30 p. m. Organ.

BARACA CLASS WILL HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Members and Friends Will Dine at Victoria Hall on Wednesday Evening.

On Wednesday evening next the young men's Baraca class of the First Baptist church will hold its second annual banquet in Victoria hall. It will commence at 7 o'clock and a number of friends have been invited to be present and deliver speeches in connection with the feast which has been arranged. This list is as follows:

The King: "God Save the King."
 The Province: Proposed by H. Beckwith; reply, Hon. R. McBride.
 The City: Proposed by Geo. V. Bishop; reply, Ald. W. A. Gleason; solo, J. R. Marlon.
 Address: "Young Men as a Factor in Nation Building," C. H. Lugin.
 The Baraca Class: Proposed by Geo. Carter; reply, R. W. Coleman; solo, L. H. Flach.
 The Class Objects: Proposed by F. G. Porteous; reply, Rev. Christopher Burnett; solo, J. Sherratt.
 The Athletic Committee: Proposed by W. Gardner Findlay; reply, Wm. Dinamore; solo, P. R. Pomfret.
 The Glee Class: Proposed by K. G. McKenna; reply, J. W. H. King; solo, G. Watton.
 The Press: Proposed by Geo. Scott; reply, John Nelson.
 Our Visitors: Proposed by H. F. Davis; reply, N. Shakespear; Rev. G. W. Dean, W. H. Parsons and A. T. Frampton.
 Toast Master, J. L. Beckwith; pianist, A. R. Dobson.

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 Venite and Psalms Cathedral Psalter
 Benedictus Spilmer in a Flat
 Hymns 54, 46 and 41
 Offertory Anthem Pittagorah
 Organ—The Lord Gave the Word Handel
 Evening.

Organ—Andante in B Flat Cropley
 Psalms Cathedral Psalter
 Magnificat Wood
 Nunc Dimittis Foster
 Hymns 55, 37 and 41
 Litany 43, Pts. 1 and 4
 Organ—Postlude in D Minor Rink
 Evening.

Organ—Prelude J. W. Elliott
 Venite and Psalms Cathedral Psalter
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 Benedictus—XII Mercer
 Hymns—Xo Servants of the Lord
 Hymn—The Kingdom of God
 Hymn—Leader of Faithful Souls
 Organ—Postlude J. W. Elliott
 Evening.

Organ—Prelude Beethoven
 Hymn—The Rose Tree
 Magnificat—V Cathedral Psalter
 Nunc Dimittis—VI Mercer
 Hymn—Zion's King Shall Reign
 Hymn—Praise to the Holiest
 Hymn—Father, Breathe an Evening Blessing
 Organ—Land Song Nauman
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 Prayer
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 Scriptural Lesson
 Hymn No. 203—When Our Heads Are Bowed With Wee
 Sermon—"The Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus."
 Solo—O Loving Father, Tress Del Riojo
 Miss Lillian Blakewell.
 Hymn No. 128—O Lamb of God, Still Keep Me
 Benediction
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CHAPTER VIII. (Continued.)
By taking the path to the left through the shrubberies, halfway down the drive, and crossing the foot-bridge over the Irving, one could walk from the front door of Irving Park to the south entrance of Tudor Hundreds in a little over twenty minutes. Mr. Crampiron returned to his home in exactly an hour and a quarter. He made no observation. He did not inquire for Norah. He wrote no letter. A groom, always anxious to avoid unpleasantness, had the buggy waiting in case Mr. Crampiron might desire it. Mr. Crampiron got into it, and then caught, instead of the nine-ten, the ten-nine for town. He regained Irving Park shortly after midnight, four hours and a half late.
In the meantime only her maid had seen Norah, who did not quit her bedroom during the entire day, and who gave the strictest orders that she would see nobody whatever, not even Mr. Maurice Courlander.
As regards breakfast, similar phenomena occurred the next morning. Norah did not appear, and her father did not explode. In the afternoon Norah walked solitary in the fields behind the kitchen garden. But she hid herself again and dined alone in her little sitting-room, while her father dined alone in the dining-room.
The situation was incomprehensible to the household staff.
The second day after the news of the murder was the day of the inquest. And Norah was still a recluse. Mr. Crampiron attended the inquest. He came back from the inquest between three and four o'clock, went into his bedroom, remained there about a quarter of an hour, and then descended to the drawing-room, where he rang the bell.
"Where is Miss Norah?" he asked the butler.
"In her room, sir."
"Tell her I want to speak to her, will you?"
"Certainly, sir."
In two minutes the butler cautiously re-entered the drawing-room.
"Miss Norah says she cannot come down, sir," he announced.
Having transmitted this unimaginable defiance of a social convention, he never left till then, being seriously challenged, the butler fled and waited in ambush for unusual and exciting events.
Abraham Crampiron was an inguiputable and resounding success in the world of business, but in social relations he was not. He had never appreciated the value of amenity, of kindness, of mere superficial politeness, nor the facility of stamping, or signs, of general rudeness. He had no sentiment for the graces of existence, no feeling at all for beauty, and very little for the pleasures of the domestic life. He only lived while he was doing cunning tricks with money; the rest of his time was a tedious which he had no skill to charm. For all the satisfaction which the real use of it gave him he might as well have collected sand and money.
He had needed a house in which to eat and sleep, and he had bought Irving Park, by the simple process of strolling before he had even seen it. He had then purchased the furniture thereof, as it stood, from the executors of a dead baronet, third holder of the title. And he had installed Norah and himself in the place, together with other immortal souls in the shapes of servants engaged at a registry office. This accomplished, he had shown no further interest either in the house or in the grounds. It was a negative, un-Palladian architecture, and the furniture had a respectable ugliness which was partly Georgian and partly Victorian. Nevertheless, there were the makings of a dignified home in Irving Park. If only Abraham Crampiron had comprehended what a home ought to be. But as he did not comprehend what a home ought to be, Irving Park resembled less a home than a rather large dwelling hired for six months by American pilgrims. Here and there in the lower rooms little indications of Norah's feminine taste, and feminine longings for a genuine home struggled like plants in an unfriendly climate. Her two rooms upstairs, arranged entirely according to her private fancy, were a refuge to her. But they were in the nature of an oasis rather than an integral portion of Irving Park. Moreover, Abraham Crampiron had never set his heavy feet in them since the day of his arrival.
And now, climbing the central stairway, he directed himself towards those rooms. A tremendous crisis had supervened in the joint career of himself and his daughter—a crisis whose significance she alone perfectly estimated. He guessed, but was not sure.
She had thrown down the gage. He picked it up with instant and fierce decisiveness. Having reached her door he caught, assuredly to have knocked; she was a woman. But he would not knock. He was her father; and since he always thought of her as a child, a child she was. So he seized the white earthenware handle of the door and turned it violently. The door was bolted on the inside.
He had a momentary wish to smash the door, but he resisted it. Then he knocked furiously.
"Who's there?" It was Norah's voice, faint but hostile.
"I am."
"Do you want me?"
"Of course I want you."
"I'll be down in the drawing-room in half an hour."
The intolerance of it maddened him. Half an hour! She was forcing him to attend her convenience, during half an hour.
"I'll thank you to be quicker than that!"
No answer.
He returned to the drawing-room and sat down in the ill-fitting black suit which he had donned for the inquest. In twenty-five minutes Norah Crampiron entered. Near the centre of the room was a hexagonal mahogany table with a lacquered work-box on it that had probably belonged to the wife of the second baronet of the Irving Park dynasty. Norah advanced as far as the table, and touching it with her right hand as if for support, stood to face her father. She had the air of being exhausted by fatigue. Her dark and burning eyes were dilated; she was pale; her breast rose and fell in quick breathings under her black robe, and her feet were restless.
"What have you been doing this last day or two, miss?" Crampiron began.
"I've been keeping out of the way," she answered icily.
Perhaps in that moment, as he caught the new note of that voice, the father had his first inkling of the composition of the stuff of which the daughter was made. If he had not acquired knowledge before, his ignorance was due to chance and not to any weakness on Norah's part. Two years earlier, when the girl was twenty, and she and Maurice Courlander had fallen in love with each other, she had refused to be a formal and positive refusal to the match, she had been ready to pit her obstinacy against his. "Come back in a year," she had said to Maurice in a secret interview on the eve of Maurice's departure to study financial conditions in Buenos Ayres. "I will not write to you in the meantime, as father has forbidden it. But I shall then be of age and able to please myself in every way; and I will marry you whether he wishes it or not—that is, if you still want me," she had added with a pouting smile. And she would have done so. Crampiron, however, had relented on the condition that the marriage should not take place till Norah was twenty-three—and thus he had never known the risk which he had run of being routed in open warfare. As for Norah, her virginal existence—divided between a passion for multifarious reading and the hobby of delicate embroideries—had gone forward with outward placidity under her father's cold, preoccupied gaze.
He did not seem inclined to ask her what she meant by that curious phrase, "keeping out of the way." There was a pause. And then he said, with an accent of compromise:
"I've just been to the inquest."
"On Mr. Courlander?"
"Yes."
Such was the first reference to the crime that passed between them. And Norah's voice was as steady and unimpaired as Crampiron's own.
"Well," she inquired.
"They've brought it in as murder, naturally," said Crampiron. "And there's a good deal of suspicion attaching to Maurice, seemingly."
"Maurice!" She straightened herself.
"Maurice," repeated Crampiron, firmly. "Has he seen you?"
"No."
"Nor written?"
"He's written. But I've not answered."
"You did well, my girl," said Crampiron, grimly.
Norah displayed no curiosity as to the assumed basis for suspicions against Maurice, and her father offered no explanation. Precisely at the point where an active and eager interchange of ideas might have been expected, the strange interview grew difficult almost to taciturnity.
"Is that all?" she asked. Decidedly her attitude was amazing, bewildering, inexplicable. And it was the things that she did not say, the emotion that she did not show, which rendered it so. There had occurred a terrible event, intimately affecting herself, and she appeared to be stirred as much as she would have been stirred by the rumor of a fatal railway accident in Arizona.
"No," her father brusquely replied. "I've got to tell you that your engagement must be broken off."
"Why?" The interrogation shot from her like a dart.
"Why?" cried her father, smacking his knee. "Why?" he reiterated loudly. "You ask why? Because the Courlander family isn't a family to marry into now. Because it's all too fishy. Because Maurice is—because it's not good enough. Because I won't have it! That's why."
There was another silence. Norah, instead of touching the table, gripped it.
"I shall not marry Maurice," she said in a low voice.
"That's all right."
"But not for any of your reasons!"
"What's that?"
"Inarticulate anger rumbled in his throat, and then he remarked:
"So long as you agree not to marry him, you can choose your own reasons. If you take my advice you'll begin to think about young Oldcastle again."
Lord Percy Oldcastle was the son of a guinea-pig who in the city had formed a fairly correct notion of Crampiron's wealth, and who had suggested an alliance between the Scotch peerage and the South African plutocracy. Lord Percy, having seen Norah, had done all that he could to carry out the parental suggestion, but his success with Norah had not been radiant.
She put her perfect lips together, and leaned her body forward.
"It would have to be done quickly, wouldn't it?" she said, and laughed drily.
"As quickly as you please," Crampiron responded.
"He was obviously disconcerted."
"Lord Percy is quite—straight, isn't he?" she queried.
"He's as straight as a—straight, made. Much straighter than his father, if you ask me. And he's fond of you as he can stick; you know that."
"And do you think your daughter is the proper sort of a girl to marry a straight man?"
The frightful, destructive scars in her clear, rigid tones roused in Crampiron something which hitherto he had managed to control. He sprang up, and at her, and with clenched hands and veined forehead stood over her, a threat incarnate.
"What do you mean?" he shouted.
"You know what I mean," she said and drove him far over the edge of exasperation.
He seized her by her frail shoulder in a convulsive grasp.
"By G—," he began.
Then she wrenched herself from him, and fled with physical fear in her eyes. And ever as she departed his tone changed, and he called after her in desperate appeal.
"Norah! Norah!" And hurried into the hall.
Norah was already flying down the steps to the gravel.
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John S. Mooney and W. McKenzie, of Lesser Slave lake, are on a business trip to Edmonton having come down by dog train and stage via Athabasca landing, says the Edmonton Bulletin.

"The Indians and half-breeds have a poor outlook for winter," said Mr. Mooney to a Bulletin representative. "The fur trade is very slack and will give the hunters very small returns this winter. In a distance of one hundred miles along the trail I saw only two martens and a few foxes. There are a good many weasels, but their fur is of little value on the market this year.

Freighting Difficult.

"Besides trapping," considerable money was formerly made in freighting goods up from Edmonton and Athabasca landing. This year, however, money is rather scarce and business is not so active as formerly. The consequence is that there will not be much freighting to do. Then again, the river froze early this year and when the water fell later on the ice dropped to the water level and has left a very uneven surface. This will make freighting there is very difficult.

"How about the fishing operations on the lake this winter?"

"The Imperial Fish Company has ceased business for the present at least but there will be three or four small fish companies freighting fish to Edmonton throughout the season."

Roads and Bridges.

"The department of public works has been doing some work in the Lesser Slave district this season," Mr. Mooney was asked.

"Yes, a bridge was built across Willow creek, which is the longest bridge in the north, and fully as long as the bridge across the Saskatchewan at Edmonton. It is built entirely of timber and took three months to erect. There is another large bridge at Prairie river. The department has spent a lot of money in the Peace river and Prairie river districts in the construction of good roads.

"The telephone will be used on the lake before long, judging by the preparations that are being made for it. The tenders have been let for the poles, for the 25-mile distance from Athabasca landing to the mouth of the Slave river. I understand the contract for the poles from Edmonton to Athabasca landing will also be let soon.

"What have been the crop returns for the year and what is the outlook for agriculture?"

"The farmers in the district have had rather light crops this year. A drought followed shortly after seeding and the crops became dried up. The potatoes and all kinds of vegetables had a most prolific growth. There is a good opening in the district for dairy farming and for the poultry business. Butter sells at 35c per pound all the year round and eggs at 50c per dozen. Dressed poultry is about the same price as in Edmonton."

Mr. Selby, a Dominion land surveyor, who has spent the summer surveying in the east end of Lesser Slave lake and Swan river, came down with Messrs. Mooney and MacKenzie.

FAMOUS COLONEL'S AFRICAN EXPEDITION

Country Where Big Game Have Never Heard Shot Fired.

A mysterious, hidden destination, and the leadership of a famous personality, are the two characteristics that lend an unusual interest to the big game shooting and exploring expedition now in process of formation, which will depart for Central Africa about the middle of this month.

Colonel J. W. Colenbrander, C. B. is organizing, and will have sole charge of the party, and his name is one that recalls many stirring memories.

He it was who raised and commanded that hard-bitten thousand known as Kitchener's Fighting Scouts—one of the few columns in the late war that never once had occasion to "regret to report." As a special privilege they reported direct to Lord Kitchener, who is said to have shown them all the grim partiality by giving them all the most difficult jobs, and regrets were about the only things they left to the Boer commanders, by whom they are not regarded with affection to this day.

The name of Colenbrander, to those who know his story, recalls the crossing of the Inyanga, and the fierce battle of Ginginhova in the Zulul war of 1879, and the two years of sanguinary inter-tribal warfare that followed it. Through all he played a man's part, and is remembered on an occasion as having fought a Zulul warrior hand to hand and vanquished him, but only after receiving seven assegai wounds; and on another, when in command of 2,000 of Umbo's men, defeating and chasing 15,000 of the enemy.

He brought home the Matabele envoys, says the "Fall Mail Gazette," and obtained for them an interview with Queen Victoria at Windsor. He fought in the Matabele war, and the Matabele rebellion lord organizing and leading "Colenbrander's Boys." Finally, he brought about the Peace Indaba in the Matopos Hills, for at first the natives would treat with no one else, and it was through him Mr. Rhodes had to conduct all his negotiations.

The Leader of the Expedition.

Somewhat above the middle height, of powerful physique and alert bearing, deeply bronzed by the sun, with close-clipped Henri Quatre beard, and deep-set, restless eyes, the colonel looks the born soldier, leader, and man of action. His record as a big game shot has been a singularly fine one all his life. His knowledge of natives and native languages is reported to be phenomenal. Certain it is that he can hold his tongue in English with marked ability when not wishing to disclose his destination.

"I am going into Central Africa and adjacent regions for two years," he explains, "but the members of my party—strictly limited as to numbers and personnel—will have the option of coming out at any time. We are going into absolutely unexplored and practically unknown areas, never yet penetrated by a white man, and I do not wish to indicate them too closely, for others might want to trek that way, spoiling the game preserves for us, absorbing some of our sources of transport—always a difficulty in Africa—and possibly, if inexperienced, causing trouble with the natives.

"I know about these areas from native reports. I have been collecting for the last year, and I always talk to a native direct and weigh his evidence. You would be surprised at the vast distances covered by some native travellers and hunters. It is only in maps, filled in from unreliable native hearsay, that no undiscovered country appears to remain.

Game as Tame as Goats.

"It is virgin game country where we are going. The natives near the locality don't go into it for fear of meeting hooded Arab or Masai hunters—who from time to time have skinned on its outskirts, and who, in turn, will not go in for fear of the local people. This reciprocal fear has served to keep the region isolated. Elephants swarm there in thousands, and you can practically walk through them, as nobody has ever shot there. Chiefs, on the outskirts of these districts, say the game are as tame as herded goats, for they have never heard a shot fired.

"The game is the great attraction, but not the only attraction," the colonel smilingly admitted in answer to a query. "We want the ivory and we shall certainly explore for other things. The ivory is a foregone conclusion, as witness the recent reports from the Lado Enclave, and the difficulty of its transport has already been overcome.

"If we find minerals we shall not exactly pass them by; I have already seen the natives with specimens of gold and copper, and if we are offered land concessions on mutually equitable terms, we shall not refuse them. All the members of the party will share in the proceeds of the sport and of any discoveries made by the expedition as a whole."

Colonel Colenbrander pioneered that historic hunting expedition into Matabeleland in 1891, which, in the result, eventually brought about the annexation of the whole country with all its

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